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Hello Chair and Committee Members

As a water rights holder in Tumalo's high desert, I support SB 1153 because it gives OWRD a needed tool to Steward our public water resources in the face of drought. In this 2nd Quarter of the 21st century and in the face of increasing water grabbing, especially here in the high desert, we have an obligation now to include and value Oregon's fish and aquatic life in the face of a water transfer. I am an advocate for Wet water to not be stripped from habitats of sensitive, threatened and endangered fish and aquatic life in the face of water transfers.

SB 1153 gives standing to fish and aquatic life and tribal cultural heritage when OWRD reviews water transfers and this bill is especially needed now with climate change.

OWRD has plenty ability to implement this concise language. It is in cities' interest to preserve instream habitat for sensitive, threatened and endangered fish and aquatic life because these are environmental ASSETS that bring attraction and investment dollars to communities.

This bill is a clean improvement that will sharpen ALL water users' accountability to use their water resources more efficiently and will inspire cities to become more attentive to their water management and conservation plan structures.

This decade, this century, it is incumbent for the State of Oregon to modernize how it reviews water transfers and to protect the fish and aquatic assets that provide Oregon with her bounty.

Please do pass SB 1153 as introduced.

Thank you