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Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash and Members of the Committee,

I support Senate Bill 1153. As you must be aware and members of OWRD have acknowledged, criteria for evaluating whether or not a new water right will harm fish and wildlife and/or water quality are antiquated and therefore insufficient. Now's the time to update Oregon's water right review process.

Senate Bill 1153 will serve to correct this big, longstanding problem by closing a dangerous loophole. Additionally, it will serve to underscore Oregon's nationally renowned, forward-thinking commitment to the protection of our rivers and streams. As we face such serious water deficits, very much including here on the coast, it's never been more critical we do all that we can to optimally manage the water we have.

Please support SB 1153.

Thank you for your attention,

Penelope Kaczmarek