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On Behalf Of:	Self
Committee:	Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	SB1153

Dear Mr. Golden and Members of the Committee,

I urge you to support Senate Bill 1153.

As a fisherman I have personally witnessed the degradation of our rivers, lakes and groundwater and the adverse impact on our fisheries. Unfortunately, Oregon law has allowed the Oregon Water Resources Department to approve applications for water right transfers without adequate consideration of the potentially adverse impact the change will have on fish, wildlife or water quality. Senate Bill 1153 ensures that fish, wildlife and water quality will be protected in water right transfers. This Bill will close a dangerous loophole and bring modern environmental values into Oregon's outdated water right transfer review process.

Thank you for your support of SB 1153.

Sincerely,
Richard Curtis