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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony in support of SB 1153. It's urgent to close a dangerous loophole (skipping environmental review for old water rights to serve new ones, etc) and make sure fish and wildlife are not harmed in water rights transfers. We must protect instream values on hundreds of miles of streams in Oregon. Already, fish and wildlife are stressed by drought, low flows, and warming temperatures. Time is short to remedy this terrible loophole as extreme weather worsens from climate change. Please do not delay.