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I SUPPORT SB 1153.

For way too long, an outdated loophole has allowed the Oregon Water Resources Department to approve applications for water right transfers without adequate consideration of whether the change will harm our streams. Lower water levels in a stream can hurt fish, impair water quality, and decrease scenic and recreation values. Senate Bill 1153 safeguards stream environments by making it so the state can't grant permission for voluntary water right changes that further harm fish habitat and water quality.

Please move this bill forward.