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Please do NOT pass SB 1153.

As a small farmer with water rights, we take great care in making sure we use the water responsibly and safely. Our water rights are of great importance to our farm, for our livestock, our hay production, and our family. By adding more regulations, meter requirements, convoluting the water rights process, and making it harder to get, use, and keep water, Oregon will lose more and more farms, make produce and meat less affordable, less accessible, and housing harder to acquire, all due to lack of water usage.

I find it hard to swallow when I see the West side of Oregon that is over populated, out of touch with where their food comes from, and having no clue how water rights work; trying to regulate the life out of farmers, ranchers, and others who actually know how this bill and others will harm us. Not only that, but the State of Oregon cannot afford to lose these resources (farms/ranches), nor can they afford the cost of court fees that this bill will create.

Please, for the lives of Oregon, please oppose this bill and others that are trying to kill off Oregon farms.