



## Clackamas River Chapter

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Senate Committee on Rules

June 2, 2025

Re: Clackamas River Chapter Trout Unlimited supports SB 1153

Dear Senate Rules Committee,

Clackamas River Trout Unlimited (CRTU) is a chapter of the nation's largest coldwater conservation organization, Trout Unlimited. CRTU's primary focus is restoring native salmon, steelhead and trout in the Clackamas River Basin and other waters and it has maintained that goal since 1997. We have over 600 members who support conservation efforts to preserve and improve water quality that sustains the viability of this important cold water resource. The Clackamas River Chapter of Trout Unlimited requests your support of Senate Bill 1153 (to modernize Oregon's water laws by adding an environmental review to the process for approving proposed water right changes). Please support it in your work session and with a do-pass recommendation.

We believe that Senate Bill 1153 safeguards our exceptional rivers and streams for fish and other animals, for water quality, and for the variety of recreational opportunities provided. This bill would require the Oregon Water Resources Department to review applications that propose changing a water right (i.e., a "transfer") for the effects of such a change on streamflow and fish. We support it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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