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On Behalf Of: Deschutes Redband Chapter Trout Unlimited
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My name is Kim McDonald and I am the vice president of the Deschutes Redband Chapter of Trout Unlimited. On behalf of our over 750 members in Central and Eastern Oregon, I support SB 1153. This bill adds reasonable and past-due provisions to Oregon's water law, requiring Water Resources Department to check for the environmental effects of proposed water right changes. This is a smart, reasonable, and common sense adjustment to Oregon's law. Evaluating the effects of change in water rights is vital to protecting in-stream flows, particularly in the High Desert. Oregon depends on our marvelous rivers and streams for agriculture, recreation, drinking water, for our fabulous fishery and wildlife. We ask a lot of our rivers and this change will help ensure we cease asking too much.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kim McDonald
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