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I am opposed to this bill because any restriction or regulation on water rights will make agriculture more difficult. When it comes to those of us living in rural Oregon, never has a regulation made our life easier and very rarely if ever has it helped the rest of Oregon. This overregulation of rural Oregonians, especially those of us in agriculture, feels like an attack at times. I understand you are trying to think of nature with this bill but you cannot allow us to get thrown under the bus at the same time. This bill allows a group of unelected people to have the power to tell me what can or cannot happen with water right transfers. In a time of over governance and overregulation, especially and unfortunately on rural populations, this seems like an unnecessary and damaging bill. Contrary to what mainstream and social media tells you, we have a lot of pride in these water ways that we border. Many of us have grown up and enjoyed these areas our whole lives and we do everything we can to maintain them so our children and their children can enjoy them in the same way. We do not need you, or a group of unelected people for that matter, looking over our shoulder telling us what to do or how to do it.

Best regards

Anthony