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I oppose SB 1153 as a concerned Oregon resident with an agricultural background and friend of farmers. This bill seems over reaching as a "protector" of fish and habitat. Please note that farming in Oregon is not a "new thing", it has been happening for nearly two centuries now. Any harm it may have done by water consumption will have already been accomplished generations ago and the current standards have also been adequate for the modern decades. I am concerned this bill will do more harm than good as we have seen in other states where they prioritize special treatment for a few fish in remote areas. If the current policies were broken then those fish would have been gone decades ago, yet they are still here and will continue to do so without our over reactions to make them flourish above current levels. If you wish to improve environments, please do so by controlling the chemicals used in the fields which is the greatest threat to the ecosystem.