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I oppose SB 1153. Water rights primarily support rural homes and ranches. If you mess with them, you negatively impact the people who feed you and tend the land. Giving control of the water needed to grow food and feed, to people who live in cities and think food comes magically shrink wrapped in Safeway, is not smart. Water rights from creeks and rivers are already limited and are far better and cheaper than drawing groundwater.

Homes with wells already pay for their water. Sinking a well is over 10,000 dollars and part of that is permits/fees paid to the state. The pumps run on 220, so pumping water is like running an electric clothes dryer. It's not cheap. Part of that money on our electric bill goes to government funded support programs for the poor  
Wells fail and have to be redone periodically.