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I oppose SB 1153

The bill threatens agriculture's water right transfers. Farms rely on water transfers for efficient water management, especially during a drought and changing market conditions.

Farmers rotate crops for soil health, weed control, and market demands, without the ability to transfer our water rights we would not be able to continue this practice and efficiently

utilize our farm ground. Transfers are the only practice left for farmers and ranchers to legally move water where it's needed.

SB 1153 targets family farms and rural water users but exempts cities from the same rules. It's hurried and is bad for all agriculture, regardless of size. It creates more problems than it solves and punishes responsible water users, exempts some users based on political dynamics, and makes Oregon's water system slower, not smarter.

Agriculture is ready to work on water solutions that benefit farms, fish, and communities, but that takes time, data, and cooperation, not flawed legislation. More dialogue is needed with affected groups before such sweeping legislation overrides agency authority and responsibility.

Please, oppose SB 1153

Thank you

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