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Oregon is blessed with a generally adequate but not unlimited supply of water. All decisions regarding the distribution of this precious resource must keep in mind the effect on stream flow and supply elsewhere in our state.

Senate Bill 1153 helps to safeguard our streams — and the fish, wildlife, and water quality values they support — by ensuring a narrow subset of proposed water right changes won't further diminish flows in unprotected streams...and ground water wells near to affected streams. Moreover, any unregulated changes might affect the water rights of Oregon's Native communities.

For these reasons, I support Senate Bill 1153 and urge its passage and the compliance to this measure by the Water Resources Department.

Thank You for your consideration of my views.