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To: Senate Committee On Rules Senator Jama and Committee Members
From: Craig Lacy on behalf of the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network. COIN is a coalition of approximately 50 Indivisible groups throughout Oregon who work together on environmental and other progressive issues.

We would like to urge you to support SB 1153

Many of the state's streams are already over appropriated, especially in Eastern Oregon and in addition they are suffering from the impacts of climate change which cause ever increasing droughts. This legislation would prevent things from getting even worse. It would require the Oregon Water Resource Department to consider potential stream flow impacts during review of water right transfers with exceptions for municipalities.

By ensuring that water transfers don't impair streams any further is a step in the right direction. We urge your support. Many of our water rights were issued at a time when environmental considerations were not addressed. Times are different and we should do what we can to improve the health of our streams.

Thanks for all you do,

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