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Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1153

It doesn't seem right that under current law, Oregon can approve applications to change existing water rights with zero consideration of environmental harm. SB 1153 would require the Oregon Water Resources Department to consider potential streamflow impacts as part of its existing process for reviewing proposed water right changes. With many streams at risk of running dry, reforms like this are critical for our shared water future. Fish, wildlife, and communities with deep ties to the water are depending on this. Please vote YES on SB 1153.