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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1153

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in opposition to SB1153..... Oregon already has standards for granting water rights transfers. SB1153 would allow the opportunity outside interest groups to protest each and every water transfer. Currently OWRD has 227 protests and contested cases that have not been resolved. Some of these have been unresolved for decades!! This bill would promote costly litigation that the State of Oregon doesn't have the staff, funds, or time to manage. The bill also allows tribes to review certain transfer requests, which could result in additional delays in transfers.

In closing, this bill not only impacts agriculture users, but municipal drinking water rights as well. I strongly urge you to oppose this bill.

Respectively,  
Wendy Mogstad