



To: Senate Committee on Rules
900 Court Street NE Salem, OR
Date: June 3, 2025

Sub: Testimony in support of SB 1153 with the -5 amendment

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and members of the Senate Committee on Rules.

For the record, my name is Eliza Walton. I am the coalition director at the Oregon League of Conservation Voters. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 1153-5. On behalf of our thousands of members and supporters in Oregon, I would like to register the Oregon League of Conservation Voters' and the Oregon Conservation Network's support of Senate Bill 1153-5.

The Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) is coordinated through the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV). It is a network of not-for-profit organizations throughout Oregon, united to advocate for pro-conservation legislation and to fight policies that threaten our state's natural legacy.

Senate Bill 1153 protects Oregon's streams and the public benefit they provide. SB 1153-5 aims to solve the same problem as SB 427, which was a part of OCN's Priority for a Healthy Oregon, "Safeguarding Streamflows and Protecting Oregon's Water" and we are supportive of where the negotiations on SB 1153 have landed. We think SB 1153-5 is an important step forward in modernizing our water laws and are pleased to see tribal consultation as part of this bill.

Please support Senate Bill 1153-5. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eliza Walton".

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