

June 5, 2025

To: Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, Senator Golden, Senator Manning Jr., and Senator Thatcher,

As patrons of the Tumalo Irrigation District, we would like to voice our opposition to SB 1153. The bill is poorly written; the language is too broad and too vague. The bill was written without input from the constituents and the language was not shared in a timely manner. The bill is inequitable and once again, targets many rural agricultural and farming communities.

Changing the process for the transfer of water rights is not the way to mitigate potential problems in the future. In fact, it will make it much worse. And the proposed transaction fee increases at OWRD is ludicrous.

We would like our adamant opposition to SB 1153 documented. Please consider the voices of those who may have elected you into office.

Robert and Dixie Sexton