

June 3, 2025

Senator Jama
Oregon Senate Rules Committee
Salem Oregon

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you because I am opposed to SB 1153 since it will virtually halt the transfers of water rights in most of the state and make it very difficult to legally move water from farm to farm within a given irrigation district.

The bill also introduces new standards that will take years to resolve and will give third party groups endless ways to challenge each step, costing everyone tremendous amounts of money.

Then there is the issue of why the bill was written without a great deal or actual no input from real water users.

Finally, I believe the bill is unfair because it targets family farms but not cities and municipal water suppliers.

It just not a good bill.

Sincerely yours

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