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Oregon Senate Rules Committee  
Salem Oregon

To Whom:

S B 1153 has several proposed rules that do not seem to make a lot of sense.

To begin with, ODFW and DEQ both have statutory authority over instream water rights on any stream in Oregon so why would you want to subvert those rights to a new entity with undefined standards?

Why didn't the Governor's office have to provide examples of how transfers negatively impacted streamflow or water quality?

When there is the question of fairness. The bill seems to be directed at family farms and agricultural users but does not include cities even though their water rights are the same. Why don't they have to follow the same new rules?

Why virtually eliminate the water rights transfer process? This Bill will make it very hard and maybe impossible to legally move water rights from one farm to another in the same irrigation district.

There is no real need for this Bill 1153.

Yours

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