

Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and staff,

I urge you to support passage of a Bill which allows Temporary Transfers including In Stream Lease Transfers in the Klamath Project and all of the Klamath Basin. All of us in the Klamath Basin need all of the tools provided to all other water right holders in the state of Oregon in order to manage and protect our water rights granted in the Amended and Corrected Final Order of Determination.

We in the Klamath Basin would not be in the situation of needing a special law to provide us with these tools had the State of Oregon not taken so long to adjudicate the Basin. Certificates and decrees are years away and would provide us with these tools.

Without these tools, Water Rights could be lost before the Adjudication process is completed and Certificate and decrees are issued.

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