



Protecting Water Quality and Fish in the Rogue River Basin

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Statement opposing SB 1517

Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee Members:

Rogue Riverkeeper is a non-profit organization that works to protect and restore water quality and fish populations in the Rogue River Basin of southwest Oregon. Our organization urges you to oppose Senate Bill 1517.

SB 1517 would make inappropriate and damaging changes Oregon's laws protecting valuable and sensitive wetlands, as well as substantially hindering private and state efforts to restore water quality and habitat.

Wetlands provide valuable functions for our populace such as water filtration, recharge of water tables, providing habitat for fisheries, and flood control. These values should not be tossed aside and made more difficult to restore, and easier to damage.

Please protect the wetlands and restoration efforts throughout Oregon by opposing SB 1517.

Sincerely,

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