



Oregon Council Trout Unlimited

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TU testimony on SB 1529

Chair Edwards and Committee members-

I am here, as the Oregon Council Trout Unlimited's Executive Director, to represent the 3200 members of our organization in Oregon. We are the largest cold water conservation group in our nation. Our volunteers spend thousands of hours working on projects to protect and restore riparian habitat.

In Trout Unlimited's literature, climate change figures as the most important issue wild salmonids face in the future. We must change our habitats and do what we can to protect the legacy that wild Trout and Salmon are to Oregon and our country. SB 1529 is a sincere attempt by Senator Hansell to deal with overuse of water by communities.

The problem that Trout Unlimited has with this bill is that it is limited to only drought conditions. If the bill was to be amended, then Trout Unlimited could support.

So until it is amended then TU can't support but rather will support Representative McLain's HB 4090. TU thinks the concept by both bills is great but we prefer the language for HB 4090.

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