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SB 427 updates laws relating to the transfer of water rights to bring them up-to-date with current conditions and knowledge regarding diminished water supplies and declining wild fish stocks. While in past times it may have been reasonable to permit the transfer of water rights without consideration of impacts on river health and the continued decline in fish stocks, salmon in particular, current climate conditions suggest that closer management of all water resources is necessary and should be required. Fish stocks feed a large number of Oregonians, including Native Peoples, and actions that could impact their already challenged populations should be scrutinized to protect the public benefit they provide.