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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB427

Members of the Committee:

I support Senate Bill 427. It is a long overdue effort to safeguard stream flows from harm created by water right transfers.

The Oregon Water Resources Department should not be allowed, or required, to approve applications for water right transfers without consideration of whether the change will harm stream flows. Lower water levels in a stream can hurt fish, harm water quality, and decrease scenic and recreation values.

Senate Bill 427 is desperately needed to safeguard Oregon's iconic rivers, and its small streams that feed those rivers. This Bill would bring help prevent further unintended, but very real, harm to our waterways. There are lots of other changes that probably should be made to the water right transfer process in this state, but this one small change would at least be a step in the right direction.

I urge your support of SB 427.

Sincerely,

Karl G. Anuta