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Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB427

To; The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire  
Dear Chairman Golden, Vice-Chair Nash and committee members

From: Craig Lacy on behalf of the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)

We support the passage of SB 427

Oregon water law has a flaw that allows for the transfer of water rights without consideration as to what harm that transfer would have on stream flows and water quality. Many of our water laws were crafted in a time where there was little regard for environmental consequences. SB 427 is a very modest attempt to correct one loophole in those laws. It would help safeguard our streams when water transfers were considered and not allow any further degradation of our streams.

Drought risk in our state, especially Eastern Oregon, is causing water shortage and lower stream flows. This is expected to continue. This legislation will insure we don't add to those problems unnecessarily. We need to do all we can to protect the stream flows we have. This bill won't make things better but it will help keep them from getting worse.

Thank you for your time to consider this.  
Craig Lacy