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The problem SB 1153 seeks to fix: Under current law: the state can approve water right transfers without considering impacts to streamflows and the fish and water quality they support.

Senate Bill 1153 will close this harmful regulatory loophole in Oregon's water transfer laws that allow old water rights to serve new uses, move to new diversion points, or change the place of use without any environmental review — which effectively nullifies Oregon's ability to protect instream values on hundreds of streams across the state.

Please close this dangerous loophole and prevent further harm to rivers with your support of SB 1153.