

**From:** Fritz Ellett  
**To:** [HEE Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** opposition of HB 2656  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 11:00:10 AM

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Dear Chair Helm,

I am a forestland owner and Oregon resident. I am opposed to HB 2656. It is basically a way for special interest groups to lock up private forest land, the way they have locked up our national forests. Please oppose HB 2656.

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**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 9:22 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
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Dear Chair Helm,

If implemented this bill would make it impossible to manage private timberlands and result in the conversion of those forests to other uses, which would reduce both water quality and available wildlife habitat, not to mention decimate the availability of wood supply for Oregon mills. The forestlands targeted by this bill represent 78 percent of Oregon's total timber harvest so you can imagine the impact this legislation would have on Oregon mills, not to mention the surrounding rural communities and support industries.

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**From:** Gary Tamura <g.tamura@hotmail.com>  
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overreach and no common sense is NO excuse for a bill like this !

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**From:** Greg Miller <gamiller54@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 9, 2019 8:07 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Respectfully, please oppose HB 2656. I am an Oregon forester with 42 years of experience. Oregon's forest protection laws are working well and based on science. Moreover, the Oregon Forest Practices Act evolves through its rule writing provisions when science based facts are thoroughly vetted and tested. This bill is a radical departure from Oregon's strong, fair regulatory process. While urban Oregon may not see the connection to Oregon's forest sector, most of rural Oregon depends on sustaining our working forests. Please oppose this ban on over 100 years of Oregon forestry knowhow. Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Greg Willie <jgwillie@usfamily.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2019 4:08 PM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

HB 2656 appears to be a horrendously bad bill. In addition to prohibiting private land owners from managing their land it will very likely result in the State being sued for taking property without just compensation. That would be in direct violation of the U.S. constitution requiring that the people be justly compensated for property that is taken by any governmental body.

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**From:** Heidi Geschwill <hidawg@ilcoud.com>  
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**To:** HEE Exhibits  
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Dear Chair Helm,

HB 2656 runs contrary to the entire idea that we need to care for the environment. I have seen how well-managed forests around Bend and Camp Sherman will prevent extreme forest fires. Oregon needs to continue this type of hands-on management, or we will have no more forests left. HB 2656 is a rabid policy push. By definition, every place in the state is part of a watershed. This bill has nothing to do with the sound science that should be used to manage our forests. This bill does serve to destroy the forest, and will do nothing to protect drinking water.

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**From:** Jacob Dominguez <jacobdominguez@hamptonlumber.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 9:27 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

this is impractical legislation. #1 you are hurting rural communities by taking away their jobs and sense of community. #2 we care more about the forests and their habitat by pruning, planting and maintaining this integral ecosystem. #3 we open our private lands to the public at no fee to allow city dwellers to enjoy the wild outdoors to see beautiful forests and the creatures that call it home.

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I have been in the Forest Products energy for 24 years and would hate to see how this ban would effect thousands of Oregonian families.

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**From:** James McDole <jmerritt79@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** HEE Exhibits  
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**From:** Jarod Perdue  
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**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 12:10:07 PM

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Dear Chair Helm,

I live in Clatsop county, at the base of the coast range, and along the North Fork Nehalem river. I have multiple generations of forestry / mill workers in our family. I believe Oregon already has all the forest practice laws in place to effectively harvest, maintain, reestablish, and protect our forest and waterways. My family and I enjoy hunting, hiking, and riding in the vast forestland right out our front door, and our water (some of the best around) comes right from the river. This is a beautiful area we settled in due to the forest and HB 2656 would be detrimental to what we enjoy.

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Dear Chair Helm,

Your committee is about to hear testimony regarding HB2656. I'd like to add my own thoughts and comments, as an Oregonian that will be directly affected by this bill.

I live in rural Polk County, on a 5 acre parcel of timberland. My family's household water system is fed by surface water from a spring box system. And I work as an engineering manager for a company that relies on sustainable timber harvest in Oregon.

I very much appreciate this bill's purported concern to protect drinking water supplies. The water my family drinks originates as surface water from actively managed timberland. We run a UV water treatment system in case of any biological contaminates, and test regularly for chemical contamination. My daughter has been successfully managing an ulcerative colitis diagnosis, so we are especially cautious about the quality of our water. Based on our regular testing, I am confident that our water is clean and safe. I'll also mention that it tastes better than the water anywhere I travel. Because our property is immediately adjacent (and down slope) from significant acreage of actively managed and harvested commercial timberland, I believe this is an indication that current water quality management practices are succeeding.

I find several articles talking about this bill locking up over a million acres of timberland, and ultimately make our water less safe.

So I did my own research, using data from Oregon DEQ. I found their Water Quality Programs interactive map viewer to be especially eye-opening. This bill is not targeted at specific watersheds or concerns, but carves out a huge swath of Oregon.

I also reviewed the most recent Oregon DEQ Source Water Assessment Results for Public Water Systems Using Surface Water for my nearest community, Dallas. That report indicates that the water quality exceeds all requirements. It also notes that the greatest risk to water quality for this system is from "sediments and turbidity" and further notes that the City of Dallas recorded substantial increases in turbidity as a consequence of historic forest fires and storm events. Current forest management practices are actually serving to protect this water supply in my community, and the changes envisaged in HB 2656 could put this at significantly greater risk instead of making the water system safer.

Professionally, my livelihood is tied to the health of Oregon's forests and wood products industry. I am proud to work for Hampton, a company that takes sustainability and stewardship seriously in everything we do. That starts with a commitment to long-term, science-based management. Our responsibility and commitment includes clean water, and evidence suggests that Hampton and other timberland owners and operators are succeeding in producing cleaner water than any other land use.

This bill does not serve Oregon well.

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Dear Chair Helm,

It continues to baffle me why people would want to turn Oregon into another California. My family has tended to these forests for over 5 generations. We have some of the strongest forest protection laws in the world. If we don't harvest timber here we will be destroying the earth by harvesting in area where they don't have strong laws.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Jeffrey Moore <jeffmore@hamptonlumber.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 9:31 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

I do not support this unnecessary legislation. Our timber harvest are the backbone of our state economy.

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**From:** Mr. & Mrs. Jerald Carlson <jkcarlbel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 9, 2019 11:50 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

As a well-educated Biologist (Adjunct Professor), a private timber landowner, and a human being imbued with a reasonable amount of common sense, I have the sense that HB 2656 has been crafted by people who have limited knowledge of ecosystems, forestry practices, private landowner rights, and/or just plain good ol' common sense. Please have the wisdom to drop this absurd House Bill where it belongs - the trash can. Please leave the management of our Forests, both private and public, in the hands of those with training and experience in both. Thank you

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**From:** Jeremiah Wilson <jwilson@complianceservices.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2019 11:21 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

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**From:** Jesse Kennnedy <jess4kennedy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 8:44 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Being able to properly manage Oregon's private forests is important for so many reasons. These forests support working families across the state, encourage a quick regeneration of new forests to ensure that generations to come will have forests in the future, and offer a variety of different habitats for Oregon's wildlife. Actively managed forests that lack ladder fuels help prevent catastrophic wildfires. Application of herbicide ensures that invasive and non-native plants like Scotch broom do not choke out young plantations of native Douglas fir, grand fir, western hemlock, cedars and hardwoods that are iconic to this states scenic mountains, valleys and coast line. This bill seeks to greatly limit our ability to participate in providing a sustainable, renewable resource that stores carbon and provides countless resources and benefits for so many people in Oregon. This bill could encourage private timberland owners to consider converting their land to another use. Private landowners are stewards of the land and have great respect for the forests they are fortunate enough to manage. No one wants to pollute drinking sources that they, their friends, family and neighbors rely on. HB 2656 makes the tough job of responsible forest management even harder and for reasons based on fear, not fact or science.

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**From:** Joe Angyus  
**To:** [HEE Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 10:50:08 AM

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Dear Chair Helm,

This bill is completely unnecessary and is a perfect example of how folks with an agenda have no clue about the need and the ramifications. I strongly oppose this bill!

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**From:** john farrier <markfarrier@hamptonlumber.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 9:26 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

We don't need any further protections at this time.

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**From:** John Walther <JWalther@wilburellis.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 10, 2019 5:51 PM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

HB 2656 decimates the ability of private landowners to actively manage Oregon's working forests. Private forests are currently managed under a suite of state and federal regulations protective of water quality. Maintaining the productive use of private forests is critical to the economic and social stability of many Oregon counties and communities.

- HB 2656 supplants the Oregon Forest Practices Act, making Oregon more restrictive than California. California is experiencing the worst fire conditions in state history and is currently looking for ways to increase harvest levels to decrease fire risk and protect communities. Would also prohibit building of forest roads needed to combat fires.
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- HB 2656 forces private management practices to mimic those on federal forests, where overstocked, diseased and inaccessible landscapes have generated 80 percent of acres lost to fire over the past decade. Carbon emissions from wildfire smoke emit millions of metric tons of air pollution, are costly to rural economies, and negatively impact Oregonians' health.
- HB 2656 removes Oregon from its position as the number one softwood lumber and plywood producer in the country, shuttering the United States' primary source of renewable, carbon friendly building products, to be replaced by other producers of alternative products in other states and countries.

HB 2656 provides almost unchecked opportunity for non-native, invasive weeds such as Scotch broom, Himalayan blackberry and Japanese knotweed to flourish, choking young trees, forest roads and riparian areas, impacting fire protection and wildlife habitat.

- HB 2656 increases the cost of managing forest landscapes, encouraging forestland conversion to other land uses.

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**From:** Kaitlin Bartel  
**To:** [HEE Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 10:10:07 AM

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Dear Chair Helm,

I do NOT support this unnecessary legislation that would decimate timber harvests in the state and have a negative impact on local communities. I live and work in these timberlands and have seen first hand how they support wildlife, support recreational activities such as hiking and biking, and create jobs for our local rural communities. Responsible and active forest management is essential for sustaining wildlife, keeping destruction from wildfires to a minimum, continuing to be a major softwood lumber producer, and keeping invasive species at bay. Please oppose HB 2656.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Kathrine Sproat  
**To:** [HEE Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 10:20:09 AM

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Dear Chair Helm,

If implemented this bill would make it impossible to manage private timberlands and result in the conversion of those forests to other uses, which would reduce both water quality and available wildlife habitat, not to mention decimate the availability of wood supply for Oregon mills. The forestlands targeted by this bill represent 78 percent of Oregon's total timber harvest so you can imagine the impact this legislation would have on Oregon mills, not to mention the surrounding rural communities and support industries.

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**From:** Kathryn Downing <kathy.downing1932@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2019 10:48 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

I am a widow lady whose income now is basically from my forested land. If this goes into effect, it will take away most of my income, as in order to access this timber (some at least 70 years old), I will need to gravel some roads so the timber can be removed safely. Please vote against this bill.

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**From:** Kathryn LaValley  
**To:** [HEE Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656  
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Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2019 12:11 PM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

As a second generation professional Forester and life-long member of a community that depends on sustainable forest management, I urge you to oppose HB 2656!

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**From:** Kelly DeLacy <kellydelacy@hamptonlumber.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 9:34 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Sustainable forestry is a mainstay of many Oregonians. This legislation is horrific for the timber industry. Please focus your committee on a solution that maintains current harvest levels of timber. Many Oregonians rely on this important industry.

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**From:** Kenneth Haynes  
**To:** [HEE Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 10:00:08 AM

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Dear Chair Helm,

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**From:** Kristen Domes <cloverdalefarmsinc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 9, 2019 7:13 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Non managed forests lead to more fires, more carbon in the air that we end up paying for, mud slides contaminating our drinking water. Well managed private forests are an asset to the state. Green growing things to add more oxygen and remove carbon dioxide. A trees job is to be harvested and put to good use. Then be replanted to provide more green and growing things.

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**From:** Kristin Rasmussen <krasmussen80@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2019 10:42 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

I grew up in rural Oregon and still have family living there. This bill is a solution in search of a problem. Please be thoughtful about this. The purpose of this bill isn't to protect rural Oregonians but to effectively shutdown working forests and local wood products manufacturing. It's in the best interests of all Oregonians to keep private forests as forests. Removing the tools they need to manage these landscapes means more and more forestland will be converted to other, non-forest uses, which would reduce water quality and available wildlife habitat.

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**From:** Kyle Elliott  
**To:** [HEE Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 11:10:07 AM

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Dear Chair Helm,

My family has lived in the Willamette Valley for my entire life, during that time my father has worked in plywood and lumber mills the entire time. The passing of this bill would cost my father, and thousands of other people their livelihoods. This bill can not pass.

Please oppose HB 2656!

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**From:** Linda Saviola <lindasaviola@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 9:44 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

This is a bad bill. Our forests need to be managed. This includes logging, thinning and spraying for the health of our forests. The only thing this bill will accomplish is overcrowded, diseased and dying forests and more devastating wildfires. Please vote no on this bill.

Please oppose HB 2656!

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**From:** Lisa Perry <l.perry.88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 12:34 AM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Management is needed in these forests. What will the state loom like in twenty years if this bill passes. Will Oregon be playing catch up, much like California, when moderate management could have been taking place this whole time?

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**From:** Lois Perdue  
**To:** [HEE Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition of HB 2656  
**Date:** Monday, March 11, 2019 10:40:07 AM

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Dear Chair Helm,

This bill is unnecessary and harmful to the forest land. The Forest Practices Act already supplies regulations to help manage the timberlands for Oregon and provides protection for our water. A bill like this will have devastating impacts on our rural communities and all the people who live in them.

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**From:** Lucas Rue <RUELUCAS@GMAIL.COM>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2019 4:32 PM  
**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Please STOP HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

As grass seed farmers in the Willamette Valley, our family has purchased land over the last 100 years that has a portion of it that is non-tillable. Turning that non-tillable acreage into forest land has not only created habitat for wildlife, but has also created an economic return. If forests are not maintained and harvested, then they will be taken over by scotch broom, Himalayan black berry and other non-productive species and become worthless as well as a fire hazard. If roadways are not allowed to be created in these lands, then wildfires will be impossible to control.

From what we understand regarding HB 2656, our family's land will be impacted directly and we will not be able to harvest the timber that we've invested hundreds of thousands of dollars into. This bill would have extremely adverse consequences for not only our operation but for the state of Oregon, resulting in lost tax revenue, lost jobs, increased fire danger and compromised wildlife habitat. Please help us shut down HB 2656.

Thank you,

Lucas Rue  
Victor Point Farms

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