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From: Marcus Mueller <marcusmueller@hamptonaffiliates.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:39 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Horrible idea disguised as a solution for water quality issues.

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Sincerely,

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From: Mark Dickman <dfarms@mtangel.net>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 10:16 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

I have just reviewed a summary of the elements of HB 2656, and a map showing the affected areas. I am SHOCKED that our legislature would consider such a proposal!

In a time when state revenues are apparently insufficient to meet our needs, our state CANNOT consider such a measure. Long-term, this will NOT protect drinking water, but will instead heighten the risk of devastating forest fires, which can only degrade water quality.

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From: Mark Elston
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:30:08 AM

Dear Chair Helm,

Water from our forests at Hampton are tested and reported to be some of the cleanest in the State. We take pride in caring for our lands, water, and soil. HB2656 is not necessary and would decimate more jobs and our mills in Oregon. Please vote no on this bill. We are committed and also guided by the Forest Practices Act that already covers best practices to keep our forests and water clean and sustainable. More regulation is unnecessary and damaging to my job and my family.

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From: Mark Morgans <mark.morgans@gwrglobal.com>
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To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Please oppose HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

I'm a Forester that lives by and manages private forests along the Oregon North Coast. I'm proud of our successes in managing all forest resources including providing clean, high quality drinking water for our communities. Water that my family drinks daily. We accomplish this while growing and harvesting trees, building forest roads and applying limited amounts of herbicides to help establish these forests and continue this forest management for the benefit of society into perpetuity. It's working well, providing jobs and the livelihood for many of my friends and neighbors. The existing State & Federal laws & regulations are doing an excellent job providing the guidance and resource protection measures that are benefiting all Oregonians.

Unfortunately, the proposed HB 2656 would disrupt the balance of working forests and resource protection, It's unwarranted and would add another layer of constraints on private property owners and provide disincentives for ownership.

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From: Martin Brint
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:20:08 PM

Dear Chair Helm,

I firmly oppose HB 2656. Oregon already has the necessary regulations to keep our waterways safe and clean. The last thing Oregon needs is more regulations. I have grown up in the timber industry. It has supported my family for generations and continues to do so because of the good stewards we have in the industry today. Please consider my opposition to this bill!

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From: Melodi Molt <melodimolt1972@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:34 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Our forests are a valuable renewal asset for Oregon. Let the loggers back into the forest, or just let the forest burn as they have been. The communities need the forests open back up to harvesting. It produces jobs and money for our schools.

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From: Michael Farmer
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From: Michael Mannex
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
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Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:40:06 AM

Dear Chair Helm,

Clean water is a very important commodity to all. I find it very interesting that the current technology involved to deliver clean water doesn't seem to be sufficient as HB2656 seems to purport. Trying to understand the motivation for this bill being sponsored by 2 representatives that currently get their drinking water from the Bull Run water district which has a protected ecosystem. This appears to be a huge over reach of state control on private enterprises.

Fines, misdemeanors and penalties are established for public display but no fiscal or revenue impact is available. To consider a sweeping change under the name of clean water without any true costs or alternatives is a very poor way to protect "clean water".

Questions that need to be answered before being brought to the floor for a vote:

What is the impact on all the businesses involved with the use and management of Oregon's renewable forests?

How many peoples employment will be effected by this bill?

Is Oregon's Wine industry next for this type of legislation? Their use of pesticides and fertilizers on a product that human ingest seems to be of much higher priority.

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From: Michael Meredith <mikemere@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 5:24 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Please see comments below-

Mike Meredith
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I am a manager/owner of family forestland in Jackson County, Oregon and oppose HB2656 as being unnecessary, extreme, economically destructive, and wrong for Oregon. This is a thinly veiled "stop logging" measure that uses scare tactics to get support. As a career forester who has worked on private lands for over 40 years, including on lands within the Medford municipal watershed in the Cascades (known as one of the purest drinking water sources in the US), I know that tests have shown no damaging effects from active forest management on these lands.

These lands have been managed for timber production for over 100 years, with railroad logging, all types of harvest, reforestation including herbicides for seedling survival, and fertilizer application. Forestry is regulated by the Oregon Forest Practices Act, which is THE pioneering legislation of its kind, as well as federal law including the Clean Water Act.

HB2656 will not encourage owners to keep working forestland...who knows what alternative uses will appear. Homesites will not improve watershed quality. Please look at the dollars that are contributed to Oregon's economy from active management of these lands (including income and harvest taxes), and do not advance this Bill.

Sincerely, Mike Meredith Medford OR

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From: Michael Winter <m.jon.winter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:45 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
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Dear Chair Helm,

As a professional forester I can say this bill is not in the best interest of Oregonians. Where is the evidence that current state and federal regulation are not protecting water quality? House Bills need to be supported with facts and evidence, not emotions. Groups supporting these kind of bills are not interested in protecting water quality, they are interested in shutting down the private timber industry by any means possible. We need common sense legislation that supports Oregonians and our economy. If there is no science providing evidence that water quality in the state of Oregon is being adversely affected by forest management, HB 2656 should not be supported.

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From: Michael Zumwalt <mikezfone@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:31 AM
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Dear Chair Helm,

As a life long Oregonian and 4th generation Oregonian employed in the forest products industry I encourage our legislators to continue to support our timberland management and industry by opposing this legislation.

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Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 4:55 PM
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Sincerely,

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Nick Smith <nick@healthyforests.org>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 10:46 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

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From: Paul Barnum <oregonforestfan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 12:44 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

As the former executive director of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, I have firsthand knowledge of Oregon's robust forest protection laws. These laws protect public drinking water, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, and create an economic incentive to replant and manage forests for the long-term. HB 2656 is unnecessary and draconian. The Oregon Board of Forestry is the body to address changes to the forest practices act - not the Legislature. Oregon is among the few states with strong laws that govern forest management. As Oregonians, we can be proud of the contribution of the forest sector to the state's economy - especially in rural areas - and the dedicated work of those who work in the forest to protect it for all of its environmental and economic values.

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From: Paul Gill
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:20:06 PM

Dear Chair Helm,

Working in the forest products industry both in northwest Oregon and southern Oregon I have seen the success and health of a properly managed forest and the destruction and problems with a non managed federal forest. We need to make sure that we continue to support the management of our forests and the use of such a fantastic renewable resource. I really hope that the committee can realize its time to stop listening to extreme groups and see the benefits that come from forest management and Oregon's ability to manufacture high quality soft wood forest products.

Please oppose this bill,
Paul Gill, Hammond Oregon.

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From: Paula Huston
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:20:07 AM

Dear Chair Helm,

As a member of a small community, I absolutely DO NOT support unnecessary legislation that would decimate timber harvests in the state and weaken Oregon's position as a leader in softwood lumber production.

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

Dear Chair Helm,

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: RABEL ROBERTS <rabelroberts@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 10:12 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Working with a timber company, and understanding the importance of private land use for timber, I oppose HB 2656. It has come to our attention that the water quality in Oregon's forests are cleaner than other land uses (ag and urban) and we need to support surrounding rural communities and industries.

Please oppose HB 2656!

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From: Ralph Saperstein <ralph@ralphsaperstein.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 8:35 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

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From: Ray Jones <rjones@stimsonlumber.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 9:30 AM
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From: Richard Jessell
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:10:06 PM

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Richard Milbradt <richard_milbradt@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:51 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

I have family in the logging industry and have seen how things can go too far when one side can get extreme with what they think is right. Instead of working together for the good of Oregon and its people. Then 25 years later they find out there was really no affect to what they thought other than the peoples life who are in that industry. Also the affect of the land no longer being properly managed.

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Sincerely,

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From: Richard Shoemaker
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:50:06 AM

Dear Chair Helm,

Please stop this! Why don't you educate the public on the very responsible Forest practice that is helping in our State. This is another "Head Fake" just like the Spotted owl, This land belongs to the people! not the special interest Hollywood crowd!!!

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

Dear Chair Helm,

I do not support this unnecessary legislation. Working forests targeted in this bill have the highest water quality of all other land uses in the State. If implemented, this bill would result in the conversion of private forests to other uses, reducing water quality and wildlife habitat.

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From: Robert Murrow
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:30:11 PM

Dear Chair Helm,

I strongly opposed the "Safe Waters Act", I set a rural water association board of directors. Our water source sets in the middle of working forest land owned by Hancock. We service over 900 customers. the quality of the water is such that we do not add any chemicals, it is pure and passes all state water standards. Again the source is located in a clear cut that was replanted about 10 years ago. And once again I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB2656!

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Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:30:10 AM

Dear Chair Helm,

I do not support unnecessary legislation that would decimate timber harvests in the state and weaken Oregon's position as a leader in softwood lumber production. This industry has supported my family and many other families in our community for a number of years this would be absurd to allow such a thing

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From: Robert Vance
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:30:07 PM

Dear Chair Helm,

The Oregon Forest Practices Act already addresses protection of domestic water sources. HB 2656 is unnecessary and too restrictive

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Roy Dunivin <roy.dunivin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 9:38 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: I Oppose HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

I work in the timber industry for a company that has an excellent stewardship toward the proper management of forest resources. We are all sensitive to environmental concerns. Banning harvesting does little to nothing to protect water but does cause serious consequences to the Industry. Please Oppose HB 2656.

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From: Russell Minten, D <russ@franklumberco.com>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 10:03 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

As a professional forester, I have always taken extreme caution when working around any streams let alone domestic water sources. This bill puts a dagger all the work we've accomplished in changing forest practices to better protect streams. And if one favors a Cap and Trade bill, then one would have to oppose this one since they directly oppose each other.

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

Dear Chair Helm,

Please stop this unnecessary legislation to decimate timber harvests in Oregon. I work in the forest products industry and this sector provides many family-wage jobs that aren't necessarily plentiful on the North Oregon Coast.

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

Dear Chair Helm,

My family has worked in logging in Oregon for generations and this bill works against my family, as well as thousands of other families, in Oregon. I believe passing this bill would be a huge mistake, and if you value your constituents, as well as your seat in office, oppose HB 2656.

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From: Scott Fackrell
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:40:06 AM

Dear Chair Helm,

I'm in strong opposition of HB 2656!
Our current Oregon Forest Practices Act protects our land and promotes its use!

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: sharon waterman <watermanranch@frontier.com>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 10:10 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Please oppose HB 2656!

We are small woodland owners in southwestern Oregon and are in the process of reforesting acres for the next generation. HB 2656 is extreme legislation that would ban active management of forestland on over a million acres in some of Oregon's most productive forestland by prohibiting harvest, road building, and application of pesticides and fertilizer in forests that serve as public drinking water sources. The bill claims these restrictions are necessary to protect water quality, which is completely false. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality data confirms the best water quality in Oregon comes from forested watersheds, including those with active management.

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Steve Linthwaite <w-marlin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:52 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

I oppose HB2656

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From: Steven Cole
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:40:08 PM

Dear Chair Helm,

To whom it may Concern

I have been in the Forest products for 45 years and in that time we have the been the best stewards of the Forests than anyone...In camping vernacular we always leave it better than we found it. It goes without saying that this bill would greatly impair out schools. Our coastal and rural communities in particular have been crushed the lack of timber sales. Last I flew over western Oregon there many patches in the 45 years I have been doing this there has been 2 cuttings for framing lumber and paper products....Please vote NO WAY on this bill...Steve Cole

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From: Steven Samples
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:10:07 PM

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Dunsworth Sabrina

From: Steven Zika <zika@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2019 9:39 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

This bill is a thinly disguised effort by the fringe anti forestry groups to stop all logging and decimate rural Oregon. Our water quality is fine, thank you very much. Do not support this bill.

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