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From: David Visse <dave.visse@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:11 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Hi, my name is Dave Visse and I live in Tualatin Oregon. I also work in the Forest Products business. The Forest Products business, when you really think about it, is the original "green" business. It truly is nature's gift to give us such a clean and renewable resource. I know for fact, great care is taken now to preserve clean water and replant for future generations. Consistent and reliable timber production is a GREAT thing for Oregon. When you look at the real science of the water, you can see the industry is doing a great job. I encourage you to vote NO on this measure

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Sincerely,

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From: Denise Pelzer <pelzangels@onlinenw.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 6:47 PM
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Dear Chair Helm,

We are a 3rd generation and our son a 4th generation whose livelihood has come from the forest industry. I urge you to vote NO on this legislation! As a child I remember saying Keep Oregon Green. It saddens me to drive over to Bend and see the Beetle kill in the trees that surround Suttle Lake and Blue Lake. Please don't let this happen to private lands! So many people's lives depend upon this industry for their livelihoods. Where will they go for jobs that pay a decent living wage?! Your solution to a problem creates more problems than it solves. We have learned much in forestry management from the Tillamook burn in the 40's. We don't want to be like our neighbors in CA. Private land owners have much to give our state in jobs and tax dollars.

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From: Jay Sabey <jaysabey@hamptonlumber.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:22 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
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Dear Chair Helm,

The timber industry already struggles to get timber off state and federal lands. How much does the timer industry support the economy in the state of Oregon? Our schools already struggle because of the slowing of state timber sales. What will be next?

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From: Kelsi Eisele <kpeisele@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 8:09 PM
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From: Marcus Brown <marcus.brown@gwrglobal.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:34 AM
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Dear Chair Helm,

I am a forester who manages private forests within the state and I am writing in opposition of HB 2656.

I am a native Oregonian, born and raised in Clatsop county. I have always had a deep passion for the outdoors that originated from the family working forest that I grew up on. As a child I would spend my free time helping the family manage our 480-acre tree farm outside of Seaside OR. I have passed the legacy that started when my great-great grandfather homesteaded the property, down to my three kids today. Our family's number one concern while managing the property has always been to protect the resources, especially the water.

I took the experiences learned from my upbringing and have applied them towards my career. After graduating from Astoria, I continued my education at Oregon State University where I received a BS in Forest Operations Management. Immediately after college I started my career as a forester, managing the private timber lands that I grew up on. I now have the privilege to manage forests that are the water source for Cannon Beach, Seaside, Young's River, and my personal drinking water source, Warrenton. Our industry is full of very professional individuals that work very hard to ensure the protection of our resources. As a forester who manages domestic water supply, I am asking you to vote no on HB 2656.

HB 2656 would shut down a large portion of the private forests in Clatsop county. HB 2656 would take away the jobs of many families in a county that depends on the forest industry. Families like mine, who have been working their entire lives to protect the precious resources our forests have to offer. As a father to a family that depends on the forestry economy and domestic water supply in Clatsop county, I am asking you to vote no on HB 2656.

I can assure you that the professionals working in our state's forests will continue to protect the valuable forest resources, especially our domestic water supply. I appreciate your attention to this important material and would gladly follow up with any questions you might have of my experiences working in Clatsop County's forests.

Sincerely,

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From: Mark Watson <watsonm1968@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 10:56 AM
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From: Michelle Stumpf <m_stumpf@hotmail.com>
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From: Patti Jones <patti.jones@gwrglobal.com>
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Dear Chair Helm,

As an employee of GreenWood Resources, Inc., my office is in the forest and I am very proud of how our foresters are environmentally conscious and keeps everyone safe. We work hard to be a good neighbor to everyone and help to provide clean drinking water.. I drink the water!. I oppose HB 2656!

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Our employees and their families live in the communities in which they work and we share the author's concern about high quality drinking water; however, we believe HB 2656 would significantly impair the ability of private landowners to actively manage their forests.

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From: Roger Van Dyke <rvandyke@stimson.com>
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Dear Chair Helm,

Date: March 11, 2019
To: Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Energy & Environment

From: Roger Van Dyke
Sixth Generation Oregonian,
Farmer, Logger, Forester
Past President: NWOFFPA
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Subj: Personal Perspective on HB 2656

I am strongly opposed to HB 2656. My family has been directly involved in Oregon forestry since the 1850's. My direct experience in forestry began around the time of the creation and adoption of the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Having been immediately involved in its development and application for the past 47 years, I find it difficult to overstate just how well this law has served the people, environment, communities and economy of Oregon.

From the beginning, the OFPA has been underpinned by science and practical experience, its numerous changes brought about and guided by advancements in science, technology and experience. These changes have most often been generated through the collaboration of landowners and operators with administrative and regulatory entities and then implemented with support from all four.

The supporters of HB 2656 seek to circumvent this well proven process and, to abate fears born of ignorance, possibly fanning them along the way, make sweeping changes in current law, forcing millions of acres of Oregon public and private forestland into federal style forest management... A style of management that has delivered truly abysmal results. Ultimately, protecting little that it intends to protect and delivering devastating losses across the landscape to esthetic, intrinsic and economic values alike.

Please put an early end to this ill-considered bill. That and possibly work toward improving the management of the federal forestland in Oregon, land and forests that have become an existential threat to any business, industry, community or landowner in the unfortunate position of being located nearby to, or in any way dependent upon them.

Sincerely
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From: Scott Gascho <gascho@canby.com>
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Dear Chair Helm,

This bill would honestly be a disaster for the state of Oregon. Timberland is already managed very carefully to protect streams and rivers in the state. These waterways are already the best in the state. There is not a problem here, so why create extreme legislation to solve a problem that does not exist. This extreme legislation would also lead to massive job losses in one of the most important industries to our state. Please do what is right for Oregon and oppose the radical bill.

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Dear Chair Helm,

I am a single working Mom and my ability to support my family depends on the forest. Please do not take away my ability to support and provide for my family. I am managing the forest for my son to enjoy in the future. We need to be able to manage our forest lands, this will take away that ability. Please do not allow our tools to manage our lands to be taken away. Hardworking Oregonians who love our forests depend on being able to work in our forests productively. Private working forests are the heartbeat of Oregon. Don't stop our heart. We want to work, we want to work hard and we do it sustainably as safely as possible. We keep tax revenue flowing through our hard work.

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From: Sharon Sabey <sharonsabey@hamptonlumber.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 8:05 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

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From: Steve Krupicka <smkrupicka@gmail.com>
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To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

Please do not pass HB 2656 which would further restrict the ability for citizens of Oregon to actively manage their own land for timber and othe woodland resource production. Timberlands are Oregon's greatest renewable resource and landowners deserve to choose to manage their lands to take advantage of those renewable resources. HB 2656 cripples land owners ability to do so and it does it under the misleading guise of being a clean water issue. It is not!
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From: William Caplinger <will.caplinger@gwrglobal.com>
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To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Comments in opposition of HB 2656

Dear Chair Helm,

I have lived in Oregon since 2008 and initially worked in the Clatsop County Planning Department. Circumstances required me to look for new work, and I found an opening for a land use administrator at a timber management company, which was Campbell Group at that time, and later became Campbell Global. I have a background in rural planning, economic development and environmental conservation and was at first hesitant to work for a timber company. Within a very short time, however, I discovered that Campbell Group highly prioritized environmental stewardship, community collaboration and resource sustainability. I saw first-hand that the timber management professionals followed these priorities religiously.

I also realized that many complaints by people about current forest practices were often uninformed. Every public or private water agency providing drinking water in Clatsop County has all or some of its watershed on the 140,000+ acres of forestland that is now managed by Greenwood Resources, and we have excellent relationships with all of the watershed managers. It is important to note that TIAA has owned the land since Campbell Group was the manager. Greenwood Resources is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TIAA, whose investors are primarily teachers and other educational professionals, and TIAA holds its timberland managers to high standards of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

The timber industry and forest practices have changed greatly over time, and landowners such as TIAA are always willing to effect change for the greater good; but sweeping changes to forest practices as proposed by HB 2656 will interrupt the good work that timber companies do in the watershed, such as stream restoration in support of local watershed councils. It would be a far better legislative approach to address individual forest practices, such as Class 3 Harvests, aerial spraying, and road building by collaboration with water agencies and community groups to resolve concerns so that both forest resources and local/state/regional economies are made more resilient and sustainable.

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