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Chair Dembrow and members of the Committee,

SB 931 simply requires that notification be sent to people who live near forest land that is scheduled to be sprayed with pesticides. This is just common sense. It is hard to imagine that anyone could argue that these people do not have a right to receive such notifications. This gives them time to take any precautions to protect themselves, their families, and their animals as they see fit. It also requires that records be kept for use in case injuries or damages do occur.

SB 926 would recognize that state forest lands are different than private tree farms. They should be managed for multiple uses, including public recreation, rather than as monocultures managed only for wood production. Biodiversity is important to a health forest ecosystem. This bill still allows targeted ground spraying to manage invasive threats to the forests. Aerial spraying should not be allowed in these forests. It poses a threat to public health by contaminating watersheds and by drifting to nearby private lands and residences.

I urge you to pass both of these bills on to the next steps in the legislative process.

Sincerely,

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