

Testimony for HB 2357 on OFRI

March 2, 2021

1. Chair Witt, Vice chairs Breese-Iverson and Hudson, and member of the committee;
2. For the record, my name is Scott Hanson. I am a woodland owner in Clackamas County.
3. I am a Past President of Oregon Small Woodlands Association.
4. I am here today to urge you to vote "No" on Ballot measure 2357.
5. OFRI must continue in its present form.
6. OFRI plays a key role in:
 - Teaching at Tree School programs
 - They support Neighbor to Neighbor tours where woodland owners learn new strategies to manage their land.
 - They provide an illustrative manual of Oregon's Forest Practices Act and incorporate revisions.
 - They help facilitate OSWA Annual Meetings
 - They provide scientific background publications on current woodland issues of the day (like carbon sequestration).

Please vote no on HB 2357.