

Dear Chair Witt, Vice-Chairs Hudson and Breese-Iverson and members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources committee,

I support HB 2357 to eliminate the Oregon Forest Research Institute. The big Wall Street timber companies' CEOs have used the OFRI as a propaganda lobbying arm to gaslight the public about the toxic practices they employ to grow their tree farms. I live in the Coast Range between Portland and Seaside. Our forests are now cut in a shorter cycle then sprayed with a cocktail of multiple very toxic herbicides that contaminate our water, kill our wildlife and damage our organic orchards and gardens. The chemicals they use are water soluble and rise on the mist and travel off their property to contaminate our farms, fields, schools, parks and the linear trail. It is now acknowledged that the endocrine disruption caused by these chemicals is causing deadly cancers and fertility problems in both plants and animals including humans.

Please vote YES on HB 2357 My tax dollars must no longer go to advocate for the poisoning my community with clear cuts and deadly poisonous spraying.

Respectfully,

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