

I oppose HB 2357. As a small timberland owner in Lincoln County, I rely on OFRI to provide needed training. A valuable tool OFRI provides is the Oregon's Forest Protection Laws Manual – a 300+ illustrated reference for forest landowners, managers and operators. I have used this manual for over 20 years and have found it to be the best tool available to understand and follow the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

There seems to be some misconception about OFRI using tax dollars. When the forest industry founded OFRI as its commodity commission they self-imposed an assessment through the legislation process to fund the commission. The industry did not take existing tax dollars to fund OFRI.

Please do not pass HB 2357 out of committee