

Senator Golden and Members of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery Committee,

I strongly support SB335-3 and urge this committee to approve this very needed bill to create governance of a Dept. of Forestry that actually represents all Oregonians interests.

Public policy, especially public lands should be as free as possible from the influence of those with a financial stake in them. Currently, there are three committees that by law are tied to the timber industry. There are NO committees for conservation of our incredible natural resources. This does not support balanced policy.

Dealing with wildfires and climate change, it makes sense the Governor, as an elected official, should have the power to hire and fire the State Forester.

Sincerely,
Lisa Caine