

I would like to take this opportunity to oppose SB 335.

The current make up of the Board of Forestry is important due to the working and hands on knowledge that is prevalent on this board. Our forests are complex by their very nature and having untrained individuals making decisions based on "the loudest voices" is a disaster waiting to happen. Those educated either in formal universities or by experience on the ground are best in place to make these decisions. I would not send my children to a school whose board of education was made up of persons with no real life experience in the teaching of children. This is the same thing.

Our forest's future are facing real dangers and the impacts are showing themselves as devastating fires, landslides and a multitude of other disasters. We need people heavily invested in solving those problems to be on the board of forestry, they have skin in the game so to speak.

Thank you for your time.