

To the Senate Committee on Natural Resource and Wildlife Recovery. I oppose SB 335 for the following reasons:

- It is impossible for the Board of Forestry to adequately review and vote on regulations without the benefit of on-the-ground, practical knowledge of how the regulations will impact the foresters, loggers and landowners who work in the woods every day.
- This Board makes lasting and pivotal decisions on management activities that are critical to the success of our rural businesses and communities they support all through Oregon.
- Because this is a seven person board and only 3 members currently are from the industry it can not be unduly influenced by the timber industry.
- I think it is important for the Board that has a better feel and knowledge of the industry appoint the state forester rather than the Governor who may have a more limited knowledge of what this entails.

I urge you to not pass this legislation and further hamstring an industry that already has so many regulations that make this a difficult industry to operate in Oregon already! I might add without it this state would suffer great losses.