

I am a professional forester that has proudly worked in Oregon for 43 years. I serve on the Rogue Forest Protective Assn Board and have served on the Regional Forest Practice Advisory Committee. I am opposed to the changes within SB 335; I believe they would not be helpful to the State or promote better forestry. A look at the Forest Practices Act and Rules, and recognition on how these have adapted over their 38-year history should be evidence enough that the current Board structure is working well. A wholesale change as proposed would only serve to make forestry in Oregon more political, and quite probably more expensive. Oregon is still about growing trees and producing clean, renewable products that Americans want...let's not make this any more difficult than it already is. Mike Meredith, Medford OR