



Oregon Small Woodlands Association

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Chair Golden, Vice Chair Heard and Members of the Committee,

My name is Amy Jahnke and I am the Executive Director of Oregon Small Woodlands Association, or OSWA. I represent the diverse values and perspectives of more than 3500 family forest owners across the state of Oregon owning 2 to 5000 acres of forestland.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns regarding SB 335 and the -3 Amendment. There are many other sentiments expressed today that we agree with, including keeping politics out of the process of appointing the State Forester, and the need to maintain the current Regional Forest Practices Committees (and even restoring some of the opportunities to make decisions that previously fell under their purview).

However, I'm here to discuss the impact that changing the composition of the Board of Forestry from three members receiving a significant portion of their income from the forest products industry to two members who have received less than \$1000 in the past five years would have. There are three legs of stool of forest resource sustainability: ecological, social, and economic and they are equal in importance to maintaining healthy forests for future generations to benefit from as well as our own. This bill strongly advocates for the voices of ecological and social values, and disregards the importance of that economic component. That economic component is what sustains not only the industries and businesses that harvest and process timber or consult on forestry practices, but it currently sustains families and livelihoods of rural Oregon communities and is one of the largest industries in the state (impacting more than 61,000 people and contributing more than \$18 million of output). Ignoring one of those three legs of the stool is not sustainable. We believe that limiting the viewpoints on the Board to people who don't have an understanding of this economic component of sustainable forestry would be short-sighted.

In addition, while we appreciate the importance this bill has placed on having one member of the Board of Forestry specifically representing the needs of small woodland owners, my members have shared with me their concerns that they don't wish to limit the breadth of knowledge and experience of the entire forest industry that representatives from private industrial, logging, and manufacturing sectors of the industry would also bring to the Board.

We urge you to oppose SB 335 and the -3 Amendment to ensure that equitable viewpoints and representation from the entire breadth of perspectives on the forest industry sit on the Board of Forestry now and into the future.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share these concerns about SB 335 and the -3 Amendment with you.

Sincerely,

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