

March 29, 2021
Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery Committee
RE: SB 337 -3 Amendment

Chair Senator Golden, Vice-Chair Senator Heard and members of the committee,

My name is Mike Barsotti. I am a family forest landowner in the Lyons area, a forester, and Past President of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association.

I oppose SB 337 with its -3 amendment for two reasons. First, adding the word “conservation” on line 10 page 1 can only create confusion. The definition of conservation is too broad. It’s definition, while fitting with regards to natural resource management, includes preservation and you only need to refer to a portion of FPA policy in ORS 527.630, which states “to encourage economically efficient forest practices that ensure the continuous growing and harvesting of forest tree species”, to agree that preservation is inconsistent the FPA policies. In addition, I fail to see where adding conservation adds anything of substance.

The second reason for opposing this bill is in line 2, page 2, dropping “forest practices” from the regional committees’ title. The purpose of these committees is to assist the Board of Forestry in evaluating how current and/or proposed FPA Administrative Rules support the defined purposes of the Forest Practices Act as defined in ORS 527.630. Dropping Forest Practices from the committees’ title can only add confusion to the role of these committees.

Again, I ask you to oppose SB 337. It only creates confusion with regards to the purpose and membership of these committees.

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