

Dear Committee,

For far too long the State Board of Forestry has been dominated by financial interests, to the detriment of water sheds, the health of neighbors, salmon habitat and carbon sequestration. The provisions of this bill will reduce the financial involvement of members in harvests of timber and give the Governor more influence in selecting the State Forester. This bill should be passed to bring our State practices more in line with our times requiring much more attention to climate and the need for old growth or at least long lived forest habitat for the survival of birds and mammals.

Thank you for your service for the Common Good.