

I am writing in opposition to HB 2357. For over twenty years of my forestry career, I worked directly with family forest landowners and the general public. I have first hand knowledge of the value of OFRI's publications for the forest landowners, as well as the public.

Information from the Oregon Forest Resources Institute was very helpful for explaining the requirements of the Forest Practices Act (FPA). The illustrated manual to Oregon's Forest Protection Laws was particularly well received.

During my work as a Stewardship Forester, I acted in various roles -teacher, administrator and law enforcement, etc to accomplish purposes of the FPA. That guide helped forest landowners understand and comply with FPA rules, which can be complex.

OFRI has many forest related publications that help those family forest landowner manage their forest property in a sustainable manner.

I oppose HB 2357 so that OFRI can continue its valuable mission.