

HB 2357 - Opposition

Do not defund OFRI. As small woodland owners, we value the information OFRI makes available to us, to the public, and to schools.

- The Legislature created OFRI in 1991 to educate the public and landowners about forest practices.
- OFRI is funded exclusively through the Forest Products Harvest Tax, a volumetric tax on harvested timber paid only by timber growers and receives NO General Fund dollars.
- The Secretary of State's office is conducting a performance audit of OFRI, with a report expected no later than summer of 2021. No changes should be made to OFRI until the audit is complete.

Thank you for listening,  
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