

HB 2357 will harm the good work Oregon Forest Resources Council. (OFRI) does an excellent job as an industry supported agricultural promotion group vital to the economic and ecological health of Oregon. It is responsible to the State Forester, not political influences that can change at the whim of an often ill-informed electorate.

I oppose the bill. I am a 47 year veteran of the Forest Products industry, 45 of those years spent in Oregon. I have seen first hand the good that scientifically based forest practices can do, as well as the harm that can be done when forestry is politicized.

Please leave OFRI alone, and let it continue to support a vital industry and educate our students to understand the importance of the industry to our state and nation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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