

Dear Chair Nathanson and members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of 2357 because the Oregon Forest Resources Institute must not be in charge of providing the curriculum to our schools and to the public. OFRI's purpose is to lobby for Big Timber and it does this by attempting to silence scientific research, including that done at our own Oregon State University's Department of Forestry. More than half of the Board of OFRI represent the forestry or forest products industry.

We are already experiencing the negative impacts of industrial logging. We are living the climate crisis.

I strongly object to using our tax dollars to fund an organization that is a lobby for an industry that is harming our beautiful state and educating our children with propaganda rather than science about forestry.