

Dear Chair Nathanson and members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of 2357 for the reasons listed below. I also support redirecting half of the timber tax to support climate science, reporting and monitoring of pesticide use in forest operations, and adaptive management driven by research.

We need to know the amount of forest carbon that is emitted by logging in Oregon so that we understand fully the impact of logging on the climate and can take decisive action. We need ongoing reporting and monitoring of the use of toxic chemicals in our forests, and ODF needs to disclose the amount of chemicals it uses and those used by industry. In addition, we need ODF to help landowners address the fire risk from private industrial forest operations. Resources need to be focused on protecting homes and communities.

OFRI does not represent the truth about the logging industry and has not been transparent about the promotion of industry objectives. Their actions as well as their misinformation campaigns have been to the detriment of research that clearly supports a radically different approach to forest management. Instead of letting OFRI be the voice for the logging industry, let climate science speak for forest management, encourage transparency in the use of public funds, provide independent, science-backed curriculum without OFRI as middleman, provide funding for outdoor education that doesn't have to go through OFRI, allow for academic freedom for scientists with unbiased support for research, let policy be informed by the best forest science, and redirect OFRI funds to actually benefit the state of Oregon.

OFRI has lost its credibility. We need independent, truthful scientific information being provided to all Oregonians!

Thank you.