

Dear Chair and members of the committee,

I am writing today to voice my support of passing HB 2379. I live in Vernonia Oregon and our communities as others in Columbia County are not receiving the proper revenue from billion dollar Wall Street owned corporations that come here and extract our resources. One of the things I hope to see this extra tax revenue be put towards is watershed restoration as well as bringing a spotlight on our current weak watershed regulations. I live on Rock Creek which is also the only source of water for the city of Vernonia. I find it concerning that Portland's drinking water system the Bull Run reservoir receives the upmost protection and water quality assurance while Vernonia only has a pathetically small buffer in place from the out of date Forest Practice Act. Please hold billion dollar corporations accountable and pass HB 2379.

-Michael