

To: Oregon House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources  
From: Marianna Grossman, Portland OR  
Re: In support of HB 2357

HB 2357 legislation calls for the defunding of OFRI, and redirecting these funds to a new entity called Sustainable Forestry Practices. The Sustainable Forestry Practices is charged with:

- i) promoting forest health
- ii) incorporating regulation **or** monitoring of pesticide use in forests
- ii) employing adaptive resource management
- iv) advancing climate science or climate policy, as it relates to forest management.

I am writing in support of this bill and asking for two small amendments: points ii and iv, to change the “or” to “and”.

Regulation without monitoring is meaningless, even if the monitoring is done by another agency such as EPA. Similarly, climate science without policy is powerless. Please support this bill with these amendments.

As a resident of Oregon, I believe it is critical to defend our forests as intact ecosystems, not ruined clear cuts soaked with herbicides. We need our forests for protecting our abundant water supply. Old growth forests sequester more carbon than younger mono-cultured tree farms.

Thank you for protecting our forest resources for wildlife, climate health, recreation and inspiration. There are many jobs in forest protection and maintenance, so those employed in logging can be gainfully employed for generations to come.