

Honorable Committee Members,

I am a retired elementary school teacher, mother and grandmother. Like many others, I am passionately concerned about Oregon's forests and their role in mitigating the climate emergency we have entered. I write in hopes of helping to ensure a sustainable future for all children. I believe Oregon's forests, especially old-growth forests, have an important role to play.

From all I have read to date about forest management practices, I believe OFRI must be defunded because of its defense of corporate interests over the interests and health of Oregonians. I am in favor of redirecting the funds OFRI currently receives to a new entity for Sustainable Forestry Practices. Sustainable Forestry Practices should include promotion and protections of forest health and clean water, for the good of Oregonians and all other species dependent on these.

Please support this bill with the addition of monitoring of pesticide use in forests and creation of effective policies based on up-to-date climate science. May all children have a viable future.

Thank you.