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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Measure: SB1501

I oppose SB 1501, 1502 and 1546.

The MOU was signed by Timberland Owners and Environmental groups in hopes to negotiate a compromise and resolve differences. No one voted these people to make these decisions that will greatly effect timberland owners. The 50 year Habitat Conservation on PRIVATE timberland is not necessary. Proven science is already reflected in the Forest Practices Act which adapts over time and with proven science regarding sustainability, forest health, waterways, roads, wildlife, etc. Private timberlands are more resilient and healthier than public timberland, as seen in the wildfires. Over 80% of wildfires are on public lands. The DEQ and EWEB have released water studies for decades showing the cleanest groundwater in any industry comes from timberlands before, during, and after, harvest operations BECAUSE of how we operate under the Forest Practices Act.

Vote to oppose these drastic bills that the public had no input. The little public input will probably be limited to 2 -3 minutes for each person. This is not right for as drastic the effects of these bills will be.