

Dear Chair Gordon and Committee Members,

I support SB 1534-2.

The policy in SB 1534 to provide incentives and technical support related to carbon sequestration and storage is a positive step to promote good forest management by the tens of thousands of un-engaged family woodland owners.

Defining, developing and implementing forest practices that result in resilient forests, based on the proposed work by OSU's Institute for Natural Resources, will provide information critical landowners interested in being a part of the global warming solution.

Our tree farm has been certified under the American Tree Farm System and is currently enrolled in a Conservation Reserve Plan (CRP) with the US National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

Under our CRP, 28 acres are managed under a Carbon Storage agreement in which NRCS pays a nominal annual amount for a practice in which we voluntarily agree to extend the rotation age for a decade.

SB 1534-2 will add one more building block to Oregon's climate change solution.

I am a retired forester, past president of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, past chair of the Oregon Tree Farm System and past chair of the American Forest Foundation Woodlands Operating Committee.

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Scott Hayes  
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