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Oregon's Forest Trust Land counties face a potential loss of millions of dollars for the wood products industry which will further hurt local governments, jobs, and essential services like public safety. SB 795 seeks to return these state forest lands to counties to be managed by local governments for the benefit of their citizens and economies. A jury has already determined that counties are missing out on over \$1B in revenue due to state mismanagement of forest lands. A jury awarded damages in 2021. However, the Oregon Appeals court threw out the verdict and the Oregon Supreme Court refused to hear the case.

That's why SB 795 is needed. SB 795 returns state forest lands back to the counties that want them and can manage them for the benefit of their citizens. It returns power and economic self-determination back to our Forest Trust Land counties.