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I am opposed to this bill. The benefits of state forests to all citizens and ecosystems of Oregon far exceeds the monetary value of timber extraction. Counties should not be dependent on income from timber harvests.

Oregonians want clean water, healthy populations of fish and wildlife, and recreation as management priorities over timber harvest on state forest lands. The importance of mature and old growth forests is immeasurable given their carbon sequestration benefits and allowing timber stands to mature rather than be subjected to rapid harvesting will assist the state in reaching its climate goals as well.