

March 2, 2023

Senate Committee On Education

Re: SB 458

Sen Dembrow and members of the committee

My name is Mike Barsotti. My wife and I live on our forested property just south of Lyons. Managing our family forestland in a sustainable manner requires continual education as there seems to be an endless stream of new information on the interrelationship of all that lives in our forest.

We rely on OSU Extension, both their field agents and campus specialist, and the College of Forestry's research. Their work is very important for us to meet our goal of sustainable management.

Please do all you can in support of their budget.

Mike Barsotti