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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and
Water

Measure: HB4106

HB 4106 would fundamentally change the way the state forests are managed. It would require the Department of Forestry (ODF) to maximize timber harvest at the expense of all other values, like clean water, fish and wildlife, recreation, and carbon absorption and storage. As drafted, HB 4106 would allow the timber industry to sue the state to force more clearcuts on state forests.

I oppose this bill because it goes against the work being done by ODF in providing necessary habitat for wildlife in the HCP. if we are to recover salmon we must allow for the streams in the HCP to be clear of clearcuts.