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On Behalf  
Of:

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

Measure: HB4106

I strongly oppose HB 4106, as it aims to maximize logging in state forests at the expense of other values, which matter immensely to most residents and taxpayers, such as clean water, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, and carbon storage. HB 4106 turns the intent of the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) on its head, by requiring the Department of Forestry to justify every tree that the HCP protects. It also enables the timber industry to sue the state to force more clearcuts on state forests.

It's time to wake up and value Oregon's state forests for all the ecosystem services that they provide; not just timber. Please do not allow this bill to pass out of committee.