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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure: SB1593

Dear Committee members,

I live in Clatsop County where local governments and special districts in NW Oregon have relied on aggressive logging for a significant amount of their revenue. The model is basically "cut more timber to get more money". This funding issue has been used in a years long battle between timber companies and special districts versus conservationists, salmon fishermen, and clean drinking water advocates. It has delayed the designation of some state forest acres for habitat conservation in a plan that acknowledges the complexity of forest management and maximizes the true value of our public forestlands for all stakeholders. Please understand that this funding problem is real but it cannot be solved by the Department of Forestry or the Board of Forestry. The solution to provide other revenue sources must come from state legislators. And it begins here with you and this bill.

I believe this study proposed by Senator Golden will find a way to bring stable funding to local districts like mine while addressing conservation concerns. Vote in support of SB1593-1.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony. Thanks also for your work in service to all of us.

Cheryl Conway