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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure: SB1593

Chair Meek and members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony opposing SB 1593.

In 2021 there was a study conducted on the tax burden of the forest products sector. This study was paid for by the Legislature and conducted by Ernst & Young. Which found that the forest product sector has the highest tax burden of all business sectors within Oregon. So why do we need to spend more money for a study that has already been conducted?

All this Bill does is set the stage for an outdated severance tax agenda. Severance taxes when used, typically coincide with non-renewable resources like coal and fossil fuels, not renewable resources like timber. The Legislature has repeatedly turned down this concept over the years for good reasons and it should continue that trend. Please reject SB 1593.

Thank You,
Caleb Brown