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On Behalf of:

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

Measure: HB 4106 Forest Management

As a resident of Clatsop County I oppose this bill because I am keenly aware of the delicate balance we strike here on the North Coast between wildlife and forest conservation, and the needs for industry, housing and recreation. In our region we do not have to choose one over the other (timber harvests or sustainable forest management). Oregon has a long history of land conservation and sustainability. The Habitat Conservation Plan is a chapter in that legacy, that maintains a balance and ensures that no segment of society shall benefit at the destruction of another. We only have one shot at getting this right, to use our forest lands sustainably and care for the system that sustains us all.