

Dear Chair Helm, Vice Chairs Hartman and Owens, and other members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

Please vote NO on HB 4106.

Ignoring the intrinsic complexity of natural resources management has led us to our present situation, with a depleted capacity for sustainability. HB 4106's simplistic solution to state forestry management would be to only consider maximizing profits for the timber industry. HB 4106 would also undermine the Board of Forestry's Climate Change and Carbon Plan for our state forests.

Using profit maximization as the single criterion would mean more clearcuts with devastating effects not only on our forest ecosystems, but also on our water resources including drinking water, and on fish and other wildlife and their habitat, and on our local economies. Preservation of our forest ecosystems with wildlife and habitat, clean drinking water, and use of forests for recreation, carbon absorption and storage and other economic uses such as tourism, and fishing are important to Oregonians. All of these uses and concerns need incorporation in any management plan for our state forests and should not be dominated by timber interests and wall street profits.

Oregonians demand that our legislators look beyond corporate Timber profits to the well being of our children, our communities, and our planet. Please vote NO on HB 4106.

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