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On Behalf Of: DeMoisy Estate Tree Farm  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
Measure: HB4007

I fully support this measure to exempt landowners from state taxes on wildfire settlements. My family lost 80+ acres of douglas fir trees on our tree farm in the Archie Creek Fire of Sep 2020. The trees lost were nearly ready for harvest at the age of 40 years. The blood sweat and tears that go into caring for these trees is immense and any settlement received comes well short of replacing the revenue lost in this fire. Some trees can be salvaged but payments for burnt compromised trees is nowhere near what one would get for pristine mature trees. Also, markets are compromised by the number of farmers dumping logs onto sawmills for processing. Fortunately we did not lose any homes or structures but many folks in the Glide, OR area did and many were not insured or were under insured. To be taxed on any settlement that falls short of reimbursing farmers and landowners and home owners of their loss is cruel and unfair. It's salt in the wound. Please, please, please support and pass this bill to help lighten the impact of tragic losses felt by many wildfire victims in past years and by those who undoubtedly will suffer in the future where utility companies may be found negligent for starting fires. In our own case a token settlement was received this January 2024, almost 3 and 1/2 years after the fire ravaged Glide and the surrounding area. Thank you for your consideration.  
Respectfully submitted, Charles DeMoisy, Trustee, DeMoisy Estate Tree Farm