



# SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES

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Members of the Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Re: Sierra Pacific Industries strong opposition of SB 1593.

Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Boquist, and Members of the Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue:

Sierra Pacific Industries is providing this written testimony in opposition of SB 1593. The Oregon Legislature in 2020 allocated \$250,000 of taxpayer funds and resources toward the study of wildfire. Despite this very recent study and allocation of public funds, SB 1593 proposes to repeat this work, but with a bias against the wood products and forestry industry. This additional study bill is wasteful and distracts from the important and meaningful, action-oriented, work of both economic development and wildfire prevention, response, and resiliency.

Much like our recent and ongoing work of the Private Forest Accord legislation in 2022, it is our commitment to continue working as a sincere partner to the state and communities we operate within. As part of that commitment, it is our hope that legislators are equally committed to sincere engagement and sophisticated, data-driven policy development. We do not believe SB 1593 satisfies either of these hopes.

As an employer, manufacturer, and timberland owner committed to our Oregon operations and communities, Sierra Pacific Industries firmly opposes SB 1593 and urges you to oppose this legislation as well.

Sincerely,

Courtney Griesel  
Oregon Community Relations Manager