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On Behalf Of: the greater good
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I strongly oppose HB3103. It would prevent implementation of all other policies or directives made by the Board of Forestry that include protecting fish and wildlife habitat, clean water and recreation.

Oregon has been a national leader in climate-smart forestry. Our forests are healthy and properly planned. In 2021, the Board of Forestry adopted a successful Climate Change and Carbon Plan (Climate Plan. It is unthinkable that we should now be trying to pass a bill that would prioritize clear-cutting over the public's legitimate concerns about watersheds, the depletion of green cover, healthy soils, and creatures that require a place in this biological web..

We do not need a bill that establishes 10-year harvest levels that would preempt this Climate Plan. It amounts to more slash and steal of public resources by private companies whose only interest is profit.