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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I oppose HB 3103 because it prioritizes timber harvests over other interests including clean water, protecting fish and wildlife, and recreation. The state forester already sets ten-year harvest level goals, though not by rule, and they are subject to all other values, policies and plans. The ODF issues annual reports on progress meeting these harvest levels and has a solid track record of meeting harvest goals.

This is a timber grab, pure and simple. Oregon is better than this, and there is no reason to tear down what's already working.