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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

Dear Committee members:

I opposed HB 3103 because--

- HB 3103 Would make timber harvest volumes more important than other values on state forests. HB 3103 requires the state forester to set timber harvest targets to be established by the State Forester would be given priority over other plans, policies or directives made by the Board of Forestry. These include policies protecting fish and wildlife habitat, clean water and recreation. Do not be misled by the attempt at greenwashing the bill by referring to compliance with Federal Endangered Species Act protections. These will almost certainly be eliminated by the Trump administration. ?
- HB 3103 prevents ODF from implementing its Climate Change and Carbon Plan. In 2021, the Board of Forestry adopted a Climate Change and Carbon Plan (Climate Plan) for state forests with the goal of establishing Oregon as a national leader in climate-smart forestry. HB 3103 requires a rule establishing 10-year harvest levels that would preempt the Climate Plan. ?
- HB 3103 would result in more litigation. HB 3103 would establish a new right to sue the Oregon Department of Forestry over state forest timber harvest plans to obtain court orders that compel more clearcuts on public land.

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee.

Thank you,
Michael Lilly