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On Behalf Of:

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Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

I oppose HB 1303. As I read the bill, the only people with standing to appeal a decision of the State Forester are individuals who buy or have previously bought state timber sales. Under the bill's provisions, judges are severely constrained in the evidence that they can consider if a five year plan is challenged. If enacted, the only parties that will benefit will be buyers of state timber sales. The public will be excluded from any voice in the logging of state timberlands.

There is a lot of lip service in the preamble talking about economic issues affecting rural communities dependent on forestlands, but zero, zip, nada about that issue in the actual bill.

Please kill this bill.