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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, and Members of the Committee,

As a recreational user of the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests, I oppose House Bill 3103 and its amendments. It would require the Department of Forestry (ODF) to establish a timber harvest rule that prioritizes logging over habitat, clean water, fish and wildlife, and recreation. And it threatens to halt the implementation of the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). This timber industry bill undermines the state forest HCP and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage.

I urge you to oppose this bill, and to focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for our children and future generations.

Please do not let this bill pass out of committee.