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Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

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

As a forest operator in Oregon, I urge you to support HB 3103 and the -1 amendment.

This is a common-sense good governance bill that ensures transparency and predictability in state forest management—both of which are critical for the small businesses that provide the workforce ODF depends on.

HB 3103 directs the state forester to:

Establish and publish sustainable harvest levels to balance economic and environmental priorities.

Develop a modern timber inventory model to track forest conditions and guide responsible management.

Ensure timber sales align with sustainable harvest goals to support local economies and timber-dependent communities.

Provide greater transparency and accountability in managing state forests.

This bill does not increase harvest levels. It simply ensures that the loggers and forest operators who rely on state timber sales have long-term certainty—not just year-to-year assurances in an Annual Operations Plan, but a clear commitment from ODF that they will follow through on their harvest plans.

At its core, HB 3103 requires ODF to commit to a sustainable harvest level and then do what they say they're going to do. That's what our small businesses need to plan for the future, invest in equipment, and retain skilled workers.

Thank you for considering my perspective, and I urge your support for HB 3103 and the -1 amendment.