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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. The Oregon Legislature should not adopt this dangerous bill.

HB 3103 is unnecessary. The state forester already sets ten-year harvest level goals 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.

Requiring the Department of Forestry (ODF) to establish a harvest level by rule that prioritizes logging over habitat, clean water, fish and wildlife, and recreation will undermine the new State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) which provides balanced protection for 17 species of salmon and wildlife that are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.

ODF is currently following the guidelines of the HCP. HB 3103 would prohibit ODF from using the HCP until it is approved by federal agencies. This is dangerous and unnecessary. The Trump Administration's cuts to federal agencies could delay final approval for years.

Do not allow this to happen !

Vote NO on HB 3103.

Thankyou.

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