

Submitter: Virginia Edwards  
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 resident of rural Nehalem OR and a land owner who lives near the North Fork of the Nehalem River I strongly oppose House Bill 3103 and its amendments.

This bill would wreck the state forest habitat conservation plan and Oregon will end up with more clearcuts- further damaging our rivers, salmon and wildlife.

I strongly ask you to oppose this timber industry bill- especially as federal forest lands will no doubt see an onslaught of cutting during the Trump administration. The EPA has recently said it's losing 65% of its staff. Without oversight from the EPA federal forests will be on the chopping block and Oregon will be at the top of the list.

Oregon state law must protect as much of our state forests now as possible!

Please vote against this bill and instead focus on protecting our remaining forests and waterways. Climate change is already causing massive forest fires across the state every year. We need protections will increase the long term diversity and health of our state forests and protect our Oregon rivers and salmon for our children.

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

Sincerely,  
Virginia M Edwards