

Submitter: Irene Hess

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,

I am a wildlife documentary filmmaker, a mother, and a taxpayer. Throughout the years, I have seen the destruction of so many of our forests—and the impacts this has on wildlife and our environment. We are at a critical turning point in our planet's history, and if we don't take action to prevent the harm being done to the natural world, we are all going to suffer, including those who profit financially from the timber industry (and other destructive corporate industries). I oppose House Bill 3103 and its amendments. This timber industry bill undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan 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. Instead, I encourage this committee 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 don't let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,
Irene Hess