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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. The bill talks about sustainable harvest but in reality it is about clearing the way for more unsustainable logging practices. It also threatens the good work done under the hard-won state forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). I have private forestry property just a few miles from these state forests. I'm taking actions to make sure I log it responsibly. Our state should be doing the same for our public lands. Now more than ever we need protections for fish and wildlife, including keeping forests healthy and action to combat climate change.