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I am writing to express my strong support of HB 3103. The Act directs the State Forester to establish sustainable harvest levels for timber on state forestland, develop a timber inventory model, and manage timber sales accordingly.

This Act is a crucial step towards ensuring the long-term health and sustainability of our state forests. By mandating the creation of a timber inventory model and setting sustainable harvest levels, the Act promotes responsible forest management practices that balance economic needs with environmental stewardship.

The requirement for the State Forester to offer timber for sale at sustainable harvest levels and report annually on these sales is a commendable measure. It ensures transparency and accountability in forest management, allowing for adjustments to be made in case of any deficits in timber sales. Additionally, the provision that allows certain persons to challenge failures to address these deficits further strengthens the Act's commitment to responsible forest management.

The directive for the State Forester to adopt sustainable harvest levels, forest management plans, and related significant policy documents by rule is essential for maintaining consistency and clarity in forest management practices. The Act's establishment of requirements for judicial review of these rules ensures that they are fair and just.

Furthermore, the appropriation of moneys from the General Fund to develop a timber inventory model and sustainable harvest levels is a wise investment in the future of our state's forests. This funding will enable the State Forester to implement the necessary tools and practices to manage our forest resources effectively.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support this Act and urge its swift passage. It represents a balanced approach to forest management that will benefit our environment, economy, and communities for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.  
Dan Daly