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On Behalf Of: Oregonians

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural

Resources, and Water

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Dear Co-chairs Helm and Owens, and Members of the Committee.

I was born in Bend. I have loved Oregon's various landscapes for 7 decades. For my grandchildren's sake, I am asking you to not release this bill out of committee. There must be clear and evidenced based practices utilized when determining what and how tracts are logged.

More than ever, we need to work together to ensure clearcuts are not done. Surely the knowledge we have now can lead to logging methods which ensure our streams and larger waterways are not destroyed, that the understory environment is not stripped, and various species of trees are available in the future to meet lumbar needs.

It is truly sobering when I read "The 2024 Living Planet Index." Studied native wildlife populations [worldwide] had an average decline of 73% [in wildlife] since 1970. https://ourworldindata.org/2024-living-planet-index#article-citation What we do today has a greater impact on leaving a habitable environment for all of our children and grandchildren than ever before. Thank you for your time and consideration.