

Submitter: Kathe Welch

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 oppose House Bill 3103 and its amendments.

My family moved to Oregon in 2015, in part because of the pristine forests and clean fresh air and water. We have spent countless hour enjoying or state forests and hope you will do all you can to protect them. We have a small farm and have planted hundreds of trees to do our part in protecting the environment.

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.

Please 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,
Kathe Welch
Gaston, Oregon