

Submitter: Anne Thompson Dale  
On Behalf Of: HB 3103  
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. 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.

Recently we heard the authors of the book, Canopy of Titans, Jessica Applegate and Paul Koberstein. From them we learned that the Pacific Coast Temperate Rain Forests (50 miles north of San Francisco through British Columbia, is responsible for more carbon sequestration than anywhere else on earth and it has the tallest trees on earth. If old growth trees are cut down in Oregon, the timber companies' replanting do not replace the value of our temperate rain forests for preventing carbon pollution.

Oregonians have many times fought to protect our older growth forests in state parks. I was surprised to hear we are once again having to advocate for our canopy of titan trees. Our speakers impressed upon us that even one tree in our urban canopy is critical;

We 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,

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