

March 2, 2025

Subject: Please vote no on HB 3103

Dear Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water, Reps. Boice, Hartman, Levy, Marsh, McLain, and Scharf:

HB 3103 is a bill that primarily benefits the timber industry at the expense of our state forests that belong to all Oregonians. It would literally turn our state forests into tree farms. It's frankly shocking that given all we have to deal with in our state, that a bill like this would even receive a hearing.

Currently, the law requires ODF to manage our state forests by balancing multiple values such as clean water, fish and wildlife, habitat, and recreation as well as timber harvest. The bill would require ODF to manage our state forests to prioritize timber harvest. It would completely upend and undermine the State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan and the Climate Change and Carbon Plan.

HB 3103 is a bill that will not even produce jobs for our communities; instead it will simply put money in the pockets of timber companies largely owned by out of state investors. I urge you instead to focus on increasing the ability of our forests to thrive for the sake of clean air, drinking water, wildlife and their habitat, and our children's future.

Please vote no on HB 3103.

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