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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. This bill prioritizes timber harvest over ecological and recreational values that our state forests hold. The bill proposed undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and the Board of Forestry. If moved forward it would result in more clearcuts, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, less carbon sequestration increased carbon emissions, and less recreation impacting local economies.

I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on measures that would increase carbon sequestration and lower emissions in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for future generations.

Protect our land and waters by not allowing this bill to pass out of committee.

Sincerely,

Kayla Fermin