

Submitter: Mary Blake

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

Co-chairs: Helm and Owens, and members of the committee

Dear Friends,

My name is Mary Blake. I have been a resident of Oregon for 50yrs, with 40 of those years in Clatsop County. As General Manager of the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District from 1984-2012, during that time I have witnessed the over harvesting of public lands and the negative impact on our public resource, thus I strongly oppose HB3103 and its amendments. This timber industry bill undermines the State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan and would result in more clear cuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife and less carbon storage.

I strongly urge you to oppose this bill. I encourage this committee to look to the science and focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our State Forests and safeguard resources for our children, future generations and the more than humans that call our public lands home.

Please, do not let this pass out of committee. Do the right thing, do things right all for the right reason!

Sincerely

Mary Blake, smiles