



March 2, 2025

House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Regarding HB 3103 as amended

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

Climate Reality Project, Portland Chapter, urges your NO vote on HB 3103. We are an organization committed to just solutions for the climate crisis. Oregon's forests provide recreation, watershed protection, wildlife habitat, effective protections against climate change, and opportunities to share and learn about the benefits of our natural world. This bill, if passed, will reverse Oregon's progress on sustainable forest practices, disregarding Oregon's commitment to valuing our forests as more than timber farms.

This bill would reverse current law requiring state forests to be managed for multiple values to benefit all Oregonians. It would undermine the State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and it would prevent the ODF from implementing its Climate Change and Carbon Plan. HB 3103 is likely to result in more litigation, diverting time and money better spent improving the lives of our citizens.

The state forester already sets ten-year harvest level goals, but crucially these goals are considered in concert with the myriad benefits of our forests that we all enjoy living in Oregon. Please protect that balance.

Thank you for your attention to this bill. We request a NO vote on HB 3103

Thank you,

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About the Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter

The Climate Reality Project (CRP) Portland Chapter is a local, volunteer-led chapter of The Climate Reality Project, an international nonprofit of 5 million members led by climate leader and former US Vice President Al Gore, whose mission is to catalyze global solutions to the climate crisis. Our legislative committee bases its advocacy on CRP's 5 pillars: a just transition to clean energy, zero carbon transportation, climate justice and public health, green communities, and a fair, representative democracy. climaterealitypdx.com/.