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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

HB 3103 as amended would weaken protections for Western Oregon's public state forests. This bill would require the Department of Forestry to establish a timber harvest rule that prioritizes logging over habitat, clean water, fish and wildlife, and recreation. It threatens to halt the agency's implementation of the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan we fought so hard for. HB 3103 would also allow the timber industry to sue the state to effectively force more clearcuts on Western Oregon state forests.