

I oppose this bill. This bill is a step in the wrong direction if Oregon is serious about preserving our forests. There are already too many clearcuts, a real forest is hard to find, instead there are endless tree farms that grow one type of tree, not much different than a cornfield, with no regard for any wildlife that may have lived there and have no place to go. I live near an area being clearcut and the wildlife has moved into the neighborhood looking for food as they are driven out of their home. Forests need to be restored to biodiverse ecosystems that provide food and shelter to beloved animal species and that keep our water clean. If you have doubts about how much logging is going on, I invite you to take a plane ride over the state and see for yourself: endless swaths of bare land and patches of tree farms. The only thing this sustains is profit, which is what the industry means when they say their methods are sustainable...it's sustaining profit over all else. I urge you to reject House Bill 3103, which would force the Department of Forestry to log our public forests at reckless and unsustainable levels.

Thank you