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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,

As an advocate for Oregon's forests, I encourage you to support HB 3103.

This is a common-sense good governance bill that directs the state forester to establish and publish sustainable harvest levels on state forests, develop a modern timber inventory model to track forest conditions and guide responsible management, ensure timber sales support timber-dependent communities, and above all, provide greater transparency and accountability in how our state forests are managed.

This bill does not increase harvest on state lands. Instead, it simply provides local businesses who depend on state timber harvests the predictability they need to plan for the future.

Bottom line: it asks the state to tell us what they're going to harvest, and then do what they say they're going to do. That's it. Many of us in the wood products manufacturing side of these forest uses put major time, effort, and long-term investment strategy into our decisions in Oregon. This bill helps de-risk strategic investment decisions that need to be made to ensure a thriving forest products economy in our Oregon communities for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration of my perspective on this issue.