Submitter: Leah Passell

On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or

Topic:

HB3103

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, and Members of the Committee,

I oppose House Bill 3103 and its amendments. This timber industry bill undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage. The last thing we need at this critical juncture in history is to go backwards on protecting and restoring our forests.

I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for our children and future generations.

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,

Leah Passell