

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

From: Scott Killops

Subject: Opposition to House Bill 3103

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

I oppose House Bill 3103 (HB3103) and its amendments. This timber industry bill seeks to undermine the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) [Western State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan](#) and [Climate Change and Carbon Plan](#) by mandating harvest levels on state forests that “Maximizes the net present value of the state forestland, using a discount rate commonly used for owners of a size of private forestland that is similar to the size of the state.” Section 3 (3) (c) (A). In other words, it seeks to force the State Forester to manage state forests like private timber plantations.

[OAR 629-035-0020, Greatest Permanent Value](#), already directs the State Forester to manage Oregon’s state forests for sustainable timber harvest, but in balance with “a full range of social, economic, and environmental benefits to the people of Oregon”. HB3103 seeks to undermine this rule by forcing the State Forester to prioritize timber revenue above all other values.

ODF already creates 10-year harvest plans in the form of per-district Implementation Plans as described in ODF’s [Written testimony for House Bill 3101](#). ODF also already produces an annual [Stand Level Inventory Report](#) for state forests as well as per-district Annual Operations Plans, per-district Annual Reports, an annual [Council of Forest Trust Land Counties Report](#), and an annual [Common School Forest Land Annual Report](#). (See the ODF web pages [State forests](#) and [Reports](#).)

The only things HB3103 accomplishes are limiting the flexibility and discretion of the State Forester and ODF and forcing them to prioritize timber revenue above all other values. I strongly urge you to defeat this harmful bill.

Respectfully,
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