

Dear Co-Chairs Helms, Owens, and members of the House
Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

My name is Theresa Hausser, and I am offering this testimony to urge
you to support HB 3103.

My wife and I own and live on just under 40 acres of woodland in Vida,
woodland that burned in the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. Our experience
of stewardship of our land has been eye opening. Perhaps most eye
opening was learning that not only did we not know anything about
caring for a woodland, what we thought we knew could hardly have
been more wrong. Luckily, with OFRI and OSU Extension and the
entire Partnership for Forestry Education, resources in Oregon
abound, and we have access to sound, science-based forestry
information.

Part of discovering this sound, science-based forestry information was
discovering that Oregon also has more than its fair share of purveyors
of forestry misinformation. These groups pepper their communications
with antagonistic words and phrases like “greedy timber barons” and
“clearcuts” (without definition).

I am happy to urge support for HB 3103. It is a moderate,
commonsense proposal calling for transparency in the state’s harvest
plan and provides necessary predictability to rural communities that
use harvest monies to plan budgets and services.

I know that all of you can read. I know that you have seen that HB
3103 does not “force ODF to log our public forests at reckless and
unsustainable levels.” I know that you can see that HB 3103 is not a
“state forest clearcut giveaway.” Please, do not allow groups that are
more adamantly anti-forestry than actually pro-ecosystems to derail
HB 3103.

Thank you for your consideration.

