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I oppose this bill as it is written because it is NOT SUSTAINABLE FOR A SMALL LANDOWNER. We bought this tree farm in 1991. We've raised Christmas trees and forest trees. A farm this small - 18 acres - cannot provide a living. There is just no way. Maybe the larger farms can, but this parcel was small when we bought it. It requires the owners to work full time in addition to farming (and this is what we did). This might mean they have a home business, like a construction company or some other type of company where they will need to store things, and need space for office work. Anyone who lives here in the future will face the same issues. I do not see that addressed in this bill. I see that these bills will seriously devalue my property, and at my age that is like stealing my retirement savings, everything I've worked years for. Will I end up being a burden to the state taxpayers because of that? Is this bill fair to all? I do not see this addressed in the bill.