

I am writing to support SB 1061. There have been several disasters throughout the United States during 2024/2025 and the demand for lumber is going to be extremely high. We have an opportunity to establish a lumber grading training program in Oregon State University Extension Service in consultation with the Forestry Education Council and the State Board of Forestry before there is a shortage. This is thinking out of the box and looking ahead of coming shortages.

SB 1061 would provide a way of offering local training and a certification program that would allow small-scale producers to grade their own lumber, enabling them to use and sell locally in their community.

I strongly urge you to support SB 1061. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.