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I OPPOSE HB 2072.

The harvest tax is not easy to administer and raises no revenue for either the counties or schools. Instead, the tax benefits the timber industry, much like a commodity commission. Oregon needs a better system of timber taxation than this bill. Past legislatures eliminated the severance tax that supported schools and public services including local fire departments, which has been a detriment to rural counties. Amounts going to the current programs should be frozen and additional amount should go back to county fire and emergency departments and communities.