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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3489

Please don't advance the severance tax bill. It is a poorly conceived, unnecessary concept.

The wildfire funding workgroup considered – and nearly unanimously rejected – this idea already, because it's an inequitable way to fund wildfire suppression and mitigation. That diverse group consists of family forestland owners, environmental groups, ranchers, health advocates and tribes. They did recommend some other ideas, and those are included in Representative Lively's wildfire funding bill. There is no need for this severance tax concept as well.

Last year seven mills closed, causing the loss of nearly 700 rural jobs. With the U.S. economy in flux, now is a terrible time to target the leading national producer of carbon-friendly, renewable building materials.

Please reject HB 3489. Thank you for considering my opinion.