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Chair Nathanson, Vice-chairs Pham and Reschke, and members of the committee,

I am a small forest owner and urge you to support HB 3489. As the sun comes out and the rains end, I begin my yearly terror of fire in my forest. We all know that wildfire prevention is grossly underfunded in Oregon. This bill will help.

We all hear constantly about the hardships due to underfunding of county services, with no good choices for funding. This bill will help.

I respect and appreciate the skills and hard work of Oregon Department of Forestry, and depend on my stewardship forester. I know however that the department is understaffed and underfunded for the work expected of them. This bill will help.

This bill helps correct three great needs, wildfire prevention funding, county funding sourcing, ODF funding. Small forest owners like me and my neighbors who live and pay income tax in Oregon are not hurt by this bill. Please support HB 3489. Thank you.