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A 800% tax increase in timber tax is death blow for rural communities and the timber industry. Because of public policy decisions in 2024 Oregon had 7 lumber mills close with the lost of at least 700 good paying jobs damaging several rural communities and this bill will only hurt them more. A better alternative is for public policy that facilitates higher rates of actual timber production to increase timber revenues to rural communities rather than a destructive higher tax. Reality is that if you raise taxes on anything you get less of it. Do we really want less timber production in Oregon? That will be the result if this tax increase is adopted. Please reject it.