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On Behalf Of:	self
Committee:	House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	HB3489

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke, Vice-Chair Walters, and members of the Committee,

I urge you to support and adopt House Bill 3489 which will fund forest protection and wildfire management in a very equitable way.

The timber severance tax that provided funds for this was eliminated in the 1990s. Since then counties have struggled to provide these basic services. The increasing temperatures and drought associated with climate change have overwhelmed their fire suppression capabilities.

Under the very wise provisions of HB 3489 those who profit from the harvest of the most timber will contribute their fair share for wildfire costs .

Please vote YES for this important program that will protect and benefit Oregon communities large and small.

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