

Submitter:

Margaret Mills

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3489

I am writing in opposition to HB 3489. My family has been small woodland owners for over 80 years with a tree farm certified through the American Tree Farm System and long-term members of OSWA. I currently own 120 acres of the family property on my own and am also a member of OSWA. The increase in severance taxes appears to be an unnecessary and burdensome addition for small family woodland owners. Also the elimination of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute would be a great loss and a detriment to woodland owners such as myself. Small woodland owners such as my family and now myself are great stewards of our state's forests and need support and resources increased rather than taken away. Please reconsider this bill. Thank you.