

Submitter:	Roy Beyer
On Behalf Of:	Wine Down Ranch
Committee:	House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	HB3489

To Whom it May Concern:

As a timberland owner in central Oregon, I am opposed to a severance tax imposed on any timber harvested in Oregon.

The ponderosa pine timber in central Oregon already has very little stumpage value to the landowner and any new taxes is a bigger incentive to sell the ranches that have timber as home sites and not keep them as working forests. Also , I oppose the defunding of the Oregon Forest Resource Institute (OFRI) as it is vital to telling the Oregon public about the benefits of forestry to the economy of Oregon.

Thank you, Roy Beyer.