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We strongly Oppose HB 3489

Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke, Walters and Committee Members,

This bill is bad legislation, poor public policy and will have devastating impacts on Oregon small family forest owners. Our property has been in the family since 1934, I am the second generation with the third generation ready to follow soon.

HB3489 would increase taxes on timber harvest as much as 800% with no guarantee it would go for fire protection.

And Why Defund OFRI???

OFRI's publication and workshops provide valuable current information for forestland owners ability to keep up with all the current existing rules and regulations. Read the Forest Practice Act. Now we also have the new Private Forest Accord rules. This is extremely important information no one else provides.

OFRI offers schools forestry education based on science, resources and field trips. It informs students of current forest practices, the value of our forests, good stewardship, etc..

The state should not be favoring one certification program over another. There are other existing professional certification programs. The landowner should have the option to select the certification program that best fits their needs.