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This is an extremely poorly written bill. The use of "pond value" as a standard of measure is troublesome. If I sell my logs to, say, Weyerhaeuser, I will get a summary showing the dollar value of the logs delivered, the "pond value." If, say, Weyerhaeuser cuts timber from their lands and delivers those logs to their mill, how is the value of the delivered logs determined, the pond value? It throws open the door for any processor using their own timber supply to arbitrarily set the delivered value of the logs.

Further, the elimination of funding for the Forest Resources Institute is completely short sighted.

The state needs to find funding for fire protection, but this is a poor way of attempting to do so.

Thanks for your attention to my thoughts.

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