

My name is Ron Stuntzner. My wife and family live in Coos Bay, Oregon. I graduated from OSU College of Forestry in 1964 with a degree in Forest Engineering. In 1968, my wife Joyce and I started a forest consulting business that provides forestry, land surveying and engineering services to the public and government entities.

Our family owns 195 acres of coastal timberland that we've actively managed since 1977.

While providing services to small woodlands it was common to experience small woodland ownerships that had been owned by families for generations being sold to large timber companies to settle estate issues. I think we would all agree it's in Oregon's best interest to encourage continued timber land ownership by Smallwood ownerships. Passing Senate Bill 485A will help Oregon to maintain those ownerships.

Thank you for considering my testimony supporting the passage of this important bill.