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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB485

Testimony to the House Revenue Committee regarding SB 485 A.

Committee Chair: Nancy Nathanson

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke, Vice-Chair Walters, Members of Oregon House Committee on Revenue,

Greetings. I am David Rankin. My wife Dianne and I live on and manage 200 acres of forest land located along South Slough of the Siuslaw River in Western Lane County. We have lived here since 1976.

Over the years we have managed our forest to provide clean waters, wildlife habitat, teaching moments through field trips and tree farm tours, and revenue from forest products. We have a fervent passion for our land and way of life that we hope will be available to our sons and our immediate extended family.

Senate Bill 485 A will be a distinct benefit to our efforts to maintain our property within our family for the "long haul." Clarification of the 75% required management documentation creates a smoother process of succession for our family.

At the present time we are conducting a timber harvest of 40 acres. This harvest will produce a direct economic benefit to the loggers, truckers, and mill workers. There is a "ripple effect" as well for other associated businesses such as those dealing with fuel and reforestation activities. Oregon Department of Forestry stewardship foresters, hydrologists, fishery personnel, and OSU Extension Forestry and Natural Resources Agents have all been involved at times on our property in preparation for the present harvest and previous activities related to forest management. Our forestry management involvement through Rankin Woodland LLC is an important contribution to the economy and cultures of Oregon.

We strongly support SB 485 A and ask that the House Committee on Revenue vote "YES" on this bill.

Thank you for your time and commitment to this issue.

Sincerely,

Dave and Dianne Rankin