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Support HB 4105

All Oregonians care about our state forests – they support local economies, create wildlife habitat, provide access to recreation and produce locally sourced, green building products for critical housing needs.

Over half of state forests are already set aside exclusively for wildlife habitat with little to no timber harvest.

HB 4105 doesn't change that or any other state or federal environmental protections.

What HB 4105 does is very simple: it improves public transparency and predictability around timber harvests on state forestland. Essentially, this bill asks the state to tell the public what a sustainable harvest level is on state forests — and expects that they follow through.

This will allow counties and local businesses the ability to plan ahead for budgets that depend on timber revenue for local roads, schools, health care and other vital public services.

As an advocate for Oregon's forests, I encourage you to support HB 4105.

This is a common-sense good governance bill that directs the state forester to establish and publish sustainable harvest levels on state forests, develop a modern timber inventory model to track forest conditions and guide responsible management, ensure timber sales support timber-dependent communities, and above all, provide greater transparency and accountability in how our state forests are managed.

This bill does not increase harvest on state lands. Instead, it simply provides local businesses and communities who depend on state timber harvests the predictability they need to plan for the future.

