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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or HB4105
Topic:

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice Chair McDonald, and Members of the Committee,

I urge you to oppose House Bill 4105.

This unnecessary timber industry bill prioritizes timber production over habitat, clean water, and carbon storage on state forests. It undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and would lead to more clearcuts, increased litigation, and less protection for salmon and wildlife.

At a time of serious fiscal constraints, HB 4105 carries an unjustified fiscal impact and creates a new, unequal right to sue the Department of Forestry that favors timber revenue recipients over the public interest.

Please do not allow this bill to pass out of committee. Instead, I urge you to focus on protecting our state forests for current and future generations.

Sincerely,
Martine Felts