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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or HB4105  
Topic:

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

I oppose House Bill 4105 because it's damaging to our forests, and totally unnecessary to a healthy forest future. I ask that you oppose this bill, and instead, focus on measures that would increase carbon storage on our state forests and safeguard public state forests and waterways for current and future generations-don't let this bill pass out of committee.

This timber industry bill prioritizes logging over all other forest values on state forests. It undermines Oregon's Habitat Conservation Plan and would lead to more clearcuts, more industry lawsuits, less habitat for fish and wildlife, and less carbon storage on state public forests. Department of Forestry already has processes in place to establish timber harvest goals AND STILL regularly meets or exceeds those goals, often at the expense of water quality, imperiled species, and carbon storage. More is NOT BETTER. The bill is also expensive. It would require costly rulemaking and lead to non-stop litigation the state would have to defend against at taxpayer expense. It also creates a new, special right for the timber industry to sue the Department of Forestry to force more logging on state forests.