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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

House Bill 4105 would weaken protections for Oregon's state forests. HB 4105 would require the Department of Forestry to pass a timber harvest rule that would prioritize clearcut timber harvest at the expense of all other values—values like clean water, fish and wildlife, recreation, and carbon absorption and storage. HB 4105 would also create a special right for recipients of timber revenue to sue the Department of Forestry to force more logging on state forests.

And it threatens to undermine the implementation of the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan and the Climate Change and Carbon Plan for state forests that we have fought so hard for.

In summary, HB 4105 would result in more clearcuts, less fish and wildlife habitat, and more lawsuits.