

Submitter: Lucile Brook
On Behalf Of: myself and our state forests
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

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

I OPPOSE increased logging in our state forests. Rather, I think we should CEASE logging in our state forests.

Our state forests are worth more for clean drinking water, clean air, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation.

This bill would lead to less mature and old-growth forests, and less carbon storage in the landscape at a time when climate change is becoming more severe.

It is unacceptable to prioritize timber harvest over all the other values our forests offer.

This bill does not represent the public lands vision I want my elected leaders to support.

I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on measures that would protect Oregon legacy forests, safeguard fish and wildlife, and protect communities' drinking water for our children and future generations.

Please oppose this bill and ensure it does not pass out of committee.

Sincerely,