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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

There are so many reasons to oppose this bill: Its cost in dollars, its sabotage of the existing legal process, its threat to salmon and other keystone species, and the stupefying fact that it is simply not needed. It represents yet one more instance of shortsighted timber interests finding ways, figuratively speaking, to pull all the lumber out of a burning warehouse, pile it onto the bunks, then get that log truck the helloutta Dodge before the entire forest goes up.

Oregon, the West, the continent, the planet itself, are burning up. I've been seeing the effects of climate change for decades, uncertain of what I was seeing at first, but not now. As far back as the 90s I remember hearing old-timers, folks who know how to log sustainably, say that someday we would have to pay the piper for what big timber outfits are doing to our forests.

For the sake of those who come after us, we must take every available means to protect what remaining middle- and old-growth timber remains. Please oppose HB 4105.