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

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Topic:

HB4105

HB 4105 is an Expensive waste of taxpayers' and ODF time and money  
Leads to increased litigation. The bill would create a new right for timber companies, counties and tax districts  
to sue the ODF for alleged violations of the timber harvest rule, creating endless litigation and limiting the ODF's ability to manage state forests for multiple values. Further, limiting who has the right to sue may be unconstitutional.

This bill is expensive. Based on 2025 fiscal impact estimates from an identical bill, implementation would require \$1.1 million of initial funding to start this program. The new right to sue the ODF would also cost the state significant resources in ODF and DOJ staff time and legal fees, estimated to upward of ten million dollars per biennium.