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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

As responsible and reasonable citizens of this state, we can not allow House Bill 4105 to weaken protections for Oregon's state forests. It appears that HB4105 does little more than force the Department of Forestry to pass a catastrophic harvest guideline that prioritizes clearcutting timber harvests at the expense wildlife, indigenous tribes, habitat, and carbon absorption and storage. HB4105 unfairly allows for the "special right" for recipients of timber revenue to sue the Department of Forestry to force more logging on state forests.

This obviously just leads to more clearcuts, less wildlife habitat, and more unjust lawsuits, in a critically dangerous period in history for all of our natural resources.