



# The Climate Reality Project®

## PORLAND CHAPTER

Dear Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, and Members of the Committee,

As an organization which advocates for climate justice, public health, and green communities, Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter opposes HB 4105. Our state forests play a critical role in maintaining clean air and water, protecting wildlife, and storing carbon, and they provide numerous recreational opportunities which boost tourism and rural economies. HB 4105 threatens the health of our state forests as well as lives and livelihoods by prioritizing logging over the value of clean air, clean water, and wildlife. That is not what Oregonians want.

Oregon's intact forests support clean drinking water to more than half a million people, support more than 10,000 jobs in the outdoor economy, protect 6 salmon stronghold rivers, absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. The increased clearcutting which would likely result from this bill would damage all of this.

A mandatory harvest rule would interfere with the State Forester's ability to protect the forest and could keep the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) from successfully implementing its Climate Change and Carbon Plan. The Habitat Conservation Plan and other policies to protect the forests would also be undermined.

HB 4105 is also unaffordable in Oregon's current fiscal situation: Based on estimates for an identical bill in 2025, it would require between \$1.1 million and \$2 million to start the program and would open the ODF to lawsuits which could cost much more.

Our state forests are among our most valuable resources, and we must manage them for the multiple benefits they provide. Please vote "no" on HB 4105.

Thank you,  
Amanda Duncan  
Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee  
Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter

### About the Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter

The Climate Reality Project (CRP) Portland Chapter is a local, volunteer-led chapter of The Climate Reality Project, an international nonprofit of 5 million members led by climate leader and former US Vice President Al Gore, whose mission is to catalyze global solutions to the climate crisis. Our legislative committee bases its advocacy on CRP's 5 pillars: a just transition to clean energy, zero carbon transportation, climate justice and public health, green communities, and a fair, representative democracy. [climaterealitypdx.com/](http://climaterealitypdx.com/), [www.climaterealityproject.org](http://www.climaterealityproject.org)