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Co-Chairs Helm and Owens and members of the committee,
As an advocate for Oregon's forests, I encourage you to support HB 4105.
Sustainable harvest is a fundamental element of sound forest management, ensuring that timber is harvested at levels that can be maintained over time while protecting forest productivity, ecological functions, and long-term public benefits. Establishing sustainable harvest levels based on forest growth and regeneration is a standard practice used to balance environmental stewardship, forest health, and economic stability.

HB 4105 directs the State Forester to establish and publish sustainable harvest levels on state forestland, improving transparency and accountability in how our state forests are managed. This approach does not increase harvest levels or weaken environmental protections; rather, it ensures that harvest decisions are grounded in long-term sustainability, science-based planning, and responsible stewardship of public lands. By clearly defining sustainable harvest expectations, the bill provides local communities, forest managers, and stakeholders with the predictability needed to plan for the future while maintaining healthy, resilient forests.

Thank you for considering my perspective.