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Certainty is what county governments need and the customers of the department of forestry need to plan and invest in their communities and companies. Please add language that the department of Forestry sell its timber sales in equal volume every quarter of the fiscal years going forward. Certainty of supply is paramount considering 10 mills have closed in Oregon in the past two years due to timber supply constraints and three more have closed along the Columbia River in Washington and Northern California.

This bill does not increase harvest on state lands. Instead, it simply provides local businesses and communities who depend on state timber harvests the predictability they need to plan for the future. Bottom line: it asks the state to tell us what they're going to harvest, and then do what they say they're going to do.