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The Problem: A Lack of Transparency and Accountability

For years, ODF has relied on inaccurate harvest projections that have resulted in significant economic and operational instability.

The agency's increasing reliance on General Fund dollars to cover budget shortfalls highlights the need for improved transparency and fiscal responsibility. Without clear and accountable harvest planning, Oregon risks moving away from a self-sustaining forest management model, placing an unnecessary burden on taxpayers while undermining local economies.

The Solution: HB 4105 Brings Transparency, Accountability, and Certainty

This bill directs the state forester to:

- Establish and publish sustainable harvest levels that balance economic, environmental, and community needs.
- Base those levels on sound data to improve planning and management.
- Develop a modern timber inventory model to track forest conditions and guide responsible decision-making and management.
- Ensure timber sales align with sustainable harvest calculations to support rural.
- Provide greater transparency and accountability in managing state forests, ensuring follow-through on what the Department says it's going to do