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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

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

I oppose House Bill 4105. This timber industry bill prioritizes timber production over
other

forest values on state forests. It undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan
and

would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife,
and less

carbon storage. There is little holding the timber industry accountable as it is, and we
cannot afford to lose more valuable forest.

The bill is unnecessary. The Department of Forestry regularly meets or exceeds its
timber

harvest goals, often at the expense of clean water, habitat for fish and wildlife and
carbon

storage goals. Clear cutting forests hurts far more than just trees, and these diverse
habitats take centuries to fully recover to their natural state.

I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on
measures

that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard our public
resources

for our children and future generations.

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,

Eva Tomlinson