

Submitter: Samuel Lasman
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or HB4105
Topic:

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

I oppose House Bill 4105.

The forests and wild spaces of Oregon are a unique treasure of our state. They provide habitat, clean water, carbon sequestration, flood and drought resilience, zoonotic disease suppression, and spiritual sustenance to every Oregon resident.

The proposed bill promotes the narrow interests of the timber industry over the general interests of the state population. It undermines the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan and would demonstrably damage Oregon wild spaces, negatively impacting not only struggling valuable species like salmon but also public health broadly. It would mean more pesticides in the drinking water, a higher risk of catastrophic damage from floods, landslides, wildfires, and drought, and a failure to confront the ever-increasing risks of climate change.

I urge you to oppose this bill, and to protect our public lands for all Oregonians, present and future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sam Lasman