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House Bill 4105 would weaken protections for Oregon's state forests. It would require the Department of Forestry to establish a timber harvest rule that prioritizes logging over habitat, clean water, fish and wildlife and recreation. It threatens to halt the implementation of the hard-won state forest Habitat Conservation Plan.

Oregon state forests provide a home for more than 300 species of wildlife and plants, including several species found nowhere else in the world. They depend on state forests for habitat and their livelihood. Plus, these forests have a tremendous capacity to capture and store carbon, far more than current management practices provide! Reducing greenhouse gasses is a matter of life or a slow, miserable death for humans and most other living things.

We must maintain and strengthen protections for Oregon state forests and improve water quality!