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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

I oppose House Bill 4105 as it would weaken protections for Oregon's state forests, requiring the Department of Forestry to establish a timber harvest rule that prioritizes logging over everything else: habitat, clean water, fish and wildlife, and recreation.

This timber industry bill also undermines the (hard won) state forest Habitat Conservation Plan and would result in more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, more clearcuts and pesticide spraying that harm drinking water, and less carbon storage.

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.

Sincerely,  
Heather Dale