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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 and Members of the Committee,

I oppose HB 4105 and its amendments. It unfortunately requires Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to establish a plan for state forests which would establish timber cutting on a regular basis. Oregon's state forests have great value for carbon storage, fish and wildlife habitat, water protection and recreation. Mandating cutting undermines these values and undermines the carefully crafted Oregon forest Habitat Conservation Plan. It subjects ODF and the state Board of Forestry to logging rules set by timber interests. Please do not pass this bill. Thank you.