

Submitter:

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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 House Bill 4105.

Oregon's living forests benefit the community at large over the barren clear cut devastation (prone to costly landslides) that serve the few. As a mushroom forager, hiker and naturalist, I urge you to see beyond short-term business interests for lumber feet and prioritize the long-term benefits to many/.

This timber industry bill undermines the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan and would result in more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon, fungi 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,

Alice Chang