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A number of rural Oregon counties rely heavily on proceeds from timber sales on state forests to provide vital services to their residents and communities. Tillamook County for example, one of the poorest counties in the state, is unable to collect ad valorem property taxes from the vast majority of its land base that encompasses the Tillamook State Forest. Instead, they receive a portion of timber sale receipts from the forest. Given the dire condition of the county's budget, it can be argued that that portion and those receipts are inadequate. But that is beyond the scope of this bill. HB 4105 merely establishes a process to give Tillamook County and other similarly situated counties the certainty they need about timber sale receipts to make accurate and timely decisions about how to allocate these scarce resources to their constituents.

Please pass HB 4105.