

Submitter: Tim Owen

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.

I have lived in rural Oregon and recreated in our forest lands with my family in much of my spare time for nearly 50 of my adult years. Many of those years were lived in close enough proximity to questionable forestry practices to propel me to research the impact of such, on my family as well as the health of our forests and waterways. And while I won't pretend to be an 'expert', I think my experience informs a valid position that:

This timber industry bill undermines the 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,
Tim Owen