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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

I SUPPORT HB 4105. VOTE YES.

Environmentalists are incorrectly asserting that it would increase logging or weaken environmental protections. That is absurd. HB 4105 is straightforward. It directs the State Forester to clearly determine how much state forestland is available, establish and publish sustainable harvest levels, and manage those lands consistent with those levels. In short, it improves transparency and predictability by asking the state to say what a sustainable harvest is and then follow through.

That predictability matters for counties and local communities that rely on state forest revenues to support roads, schools, health care, and other essential public services. It also strengthens public trust by increasing accountability in how state forests are managed.