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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

Opposition to HB 4105

HB 4105 is a Timber Industry Bill written to increase industrial clearcut logging on State Forest land in preference to conservation of natural resources. If enacted HB 4105 would thwart habitat restoration and endangered species recovery, cause greater deterioration of water quality and quantity, diminish opportunities for carbon sequestration, damage recreational opportunities important to the economies of local rural communities, and likely result in more lawsuits which would benefit neither the timber industry nor ODF and State conservation goals. Let's stick with the principle of managing State Forests for "Greatest Permanent Value" for all Oregonians.