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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

To Co-Chairs Helm and Owens and Members of the Committee:

I oppose HB 4105 and its amendments because it is bad environmental policy which ignores science.

In these times, salmon and their habitats deserve all the protection we can give them. A yes vote will cause verifiable undermining of protections for 17 species of endangered wildlife and salmon species. Clear-cutting on public land is unacceptable. These forests support clean flowing rivers providing drinking water to over 500,000 of your constituents.

Consider the economic costs: harm to Oregon's robust outdoor economy and over 10,000 jobs as well as increased spending on multiple litigation fronts,

Consider your legacy as a legislator for all the people of Oregon. The forward-thinking of many legislators in past years has given us wonderful parks and public lands for all to enjoy. Once old-growth forests are cut, they cannot be replaced.

Please vote no on this bad bill. Thank you.