

Submitter:

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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.

Valuing our state forests as an individual, and not a business, is about visiting for physical and mental health, also they are affordable and accessible to almost all economic classes. Beyond this, they mean places where the land will be preserved and protected for future generations. As a results these are islands of clean air, protected habitats, and places for children to learn about nature.

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. Add up the value of these experience and things, and multiply by all of the people who benefit over many decades.

Compare that to a one time pay out after "harvesting"the area.

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. Please take the long view, and the view of the citizen.

Sincerely,

Martha Dyer