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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or HB4105
Topic:

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, and Members of the Committee,

I vehemently oppose House Bill 4105 and its amendments. Granting the timber industry a special right to sue the state over logging levels is an extreme and absurd attack on our state sovereignty. This would not only result in enormous litigation costs for the state (paid for by Oregon taxpayers), but would allow the timber industry to effectively force more clearcuts on state forests. Public land belongs to the people and the state of Oregon - not corporate interests, furthermore forests are integral to the character and spirit of our state.

More urgently, we are in an extreme climate crisis. 2025 was the third-warmest year on record, with Salem and Portland recording their second-warmest years, continuing a trend where 7 of the top 10 warmest years have occurred since 2000. Despite early winter rain, 2025 saw significant, deep snowpack deficits across the Cascades, driving drought pressure. The Pacific Northwest experienced back-to-back atmospheric rivers in late 2025, bringing in heavy moisture and highlighting a trend of more frequent, intense storms. High temperatures, low precipitation, and water stress have increased tree mortality and the likelihood of severe wildfire seasons - things are getting worse, not better, and worse more quickly than previously predicted.

I desperately urge you to oppose this bill, and encourage the committee to go in the opposite direction - focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for our children and future generations. Climate change is an existential threat and destroying our forests will only accelerate the destruction!

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,

-Hayley Nasman