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I urge my representatives to oppose HB 4105. Protecting Oregon's legacy forests is so critical at this time. We need to rethink our manner of evaluating our forests—logging them and thereby destroying what has taken years to produce (intact, functioning forest systems)—is so short sighted. The dollars that can be extracted by logging are nothing compared to the dollars that can be saved using intact forests to protect and filter our drinking water, enhance our fish runs, promote our tourism industry, and protect the right of every Oregonian to find comfort and recreation in our forests. Also, and probably most important is to protect the forest's ability to sequester carbon and consequently help in the fight we currently appear to be losing—our battle against global warming!!! Look at what a warm winter we have had. Where I live in Gresham, we've had only one night where the temperature has been at freezing! Mt. Hood's snow pack, the source of our drinking water from Bull Run, is very thin, and as it is already mid-February, the chances to build the snow pack are disappearing. When are we going to wake up and make the hard decisions and undertake the difficult actions we need to save ourselves from climate change? Especially as our "president," Trump, is actively working to encourage climate change. I urge you to vote against this bill.