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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 4105 and to share the perspective of a school district that is directly impacted by state forest management decisions.

Neah-Kah-Nie School District serves students along the north Tillamook County coast and, like many districts in forest trust counties, relies heavily on revenues derived from state forestlands. Unlike most Oregon school districts, we receive little to no State School Fund support. Approximately one-quarter of our operating revenue is tied to timber harvest receipts from the Tillamook State Forest. Because of this reliance, long-term clarity around sustainable harvest levels is essential to our ability to plan responsibly for students, staff, and the community we serve.

School districts operate on multi-year financial plans. We adopt balanced budgets, enter into staffing agreements, and make long-term commitments to programs and services. When state forest management policies shift or when harvest levels are not clearly established on a defined schedule, it introduces uncertainty into that planning process.

HB 4105 provides a clearer governance framework by requiring the establishment of a sustainable timber harvest level on a defined timeline, by ensuring that material changes in management are accompanied by updated determinations, and by reinforcing accountability in how available state forestland is managed. These structural elements promote consistency and transparency in the decision-making process.

As educators and public stewards, we are responsible for thoughtful financial management and for maintaining stable learning environments for students. HB 4105 supports those responsibilities by strengthening the framework that governs sustainable harvest determinations and long-term forest management planning.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to Oregon's students and communities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tyler Reed
Superintendent
Neah-Kah-Nie School District