

Submitter:

Nancy Deal

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 and its amendments. This timber industry bill undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage.

House bill 4105 is unnecessary. The State Forester already sets sustainable harvest levels in our forests. Please do not hand the timber industry the gift of House Bill 4105. We must protect what makes Oregon great- the forests, wildlife and clean water that flows through those forests. The forests are enjoyed by all and are necessary for wildlife, salmon, and human beings in the form of safe water.

?I strongly 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. Protect our beautiful forests!

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

Sincerely,?

Nancy Deal