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I stand deeply opposed to this unscientific bill. The bill would not only require the state Department of Forestry to establish a timber harvest rule that PRIORITIZES logging over all else; fish and wildlife habitat, carbon storage, and recreation, but it could also hinder the agency's implementation of the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) we fought so hard for.

To make matters worse this will would put drinking water for the half-million Oregonians who rely on state forest watersheds at further risk. Are you kidding me? HARD PASS.

As if all of these factors were not bad enough, this year's bill would also grant the timber industry a special right to SUE the state over logging levels. This would not only result in enormous litigation costs for the state (paid for by Oregon taxpayers-----ME!!!), but would allow the timber industry to effectively force more clearcuts on state forests.

Our forests are ALREADY in profound peril. We need your help to put a STOP to this unconscionable bill IMMEDIATELY.