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Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

I OPPOSE HB 4105 as another attempt by the timber industry to log, baby, log!

Increased harvest levels - at industrial clearcut scale - prioritize logging over every other benefit that our state forests provide. This is not sustainable in either the short or long term and puts the forests at risk!

Oregonians deserve forest management that balances need for revenue with conservation. I value our forests as habitat for fish and wildlife, as carbon storage so desperately needed to combat fossil fuel depredation, as sources of clean air and water, and as recreational treasures enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

There is already planning under way for increased timber harvest that also takes into account habitat conservation. HB 4105 is unnecessary, potentially a litigation nightmare, and goes too far in the wrong direction.