

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, and Members of the Committee,

I am an educator and a member of Eugene-Springfield Interfaith Earthkeepers, and I oppose House Bill 4105. This timber industry bill prioritizes extractive logging and profits over all other valuable benefits of **our** state forests. It undermines the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan and would lead to more clear cuts, more industry lawsuits, less habitat for fish and wildlife, and less carbon storage. Our forests support clean flowing rivers for salmon, clean drinking water for 500,000+ people, critical habitat for a wide range of wildlife, recreation areas, and a robust outdoor economy.

I am a Christian who cares deeply about people and God's creation, and I am tired of the government and industries putting short term profits over the long term health of people and the planet. The climate crisis is already harming the most vulnerable people here and around the world. I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I encourage you to focus on measures that would increase carbon storage on our state forests and safeguard **public** state forests and waterways for current and future generations, as well as all species that depend on them.

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

Sincerely,
Britni Cacan