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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

I urge members of the House Committee to vote “no” on this bill!

Besides the fact that this bill is extremely expensive (\$1.1 Molly in just initial funding) and unnecessary (forest harvest levels are already harmful and unsustainable) the protection of our state’s forests is what is most important to me.

I value our state’s delicate ecosystems, as well as all of the work that has gone into protecting our air, water, and natural habitats. I am concerned that this bill will set back any progress that we’ve made, and endanger these resources (and make them more difficult to protect) for many years to come.

One of the greatest things about Oregon is our state’s abundant natural resources. Increasing clear cutting on our state’s public lands would destroy our forests which are so lived and cherished by the people who live here and those who appreciate its beauty.

I believe Oregonians have made it clear time and time again that we value clean air and water, fish and wildlife habitat, and the abundance of recreational activities that we get to enjoy thanks to our states forests. These values would not be protected in this bill, which would only require consideration of the Habitat Conservation Plan, giving the opportunity to ignore established safeguards to protect Oregon’s forests and natural resources.

Oregon’s forests belong to ALL Oregonians! It is integral to our state’s history and legacy, and if we want to continue enjoying it and letting future generations come to love and appreciate it the same way we have for many years, I urge you to VOTE NO on this bill!!!