

Submitter: Kate Busby

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.

As an Oregonian, access to and enjoyment of our state forests is a meaningful part of why I choose to live here.

This timber industry bill undermines the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan and would result in more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, more ecosystem damaging clearcutting and pesticide spraying that harm drinking water, decrease carbon storage and accelerate climate change while harming humans and wildlife in the process. The timber bill serves a small few and harms many.

I strongly urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I ask this committee to focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and protect wildlife, biodiversity and human health.

Sincerely,
Kate F Busby