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As an Oregonian of 15 years, The HB 1405 bill would require the state Department of Forestry to establish a timber harvest rule that prioritizes logging over fish and wildlife habitat, carbon storage, and recreation. It could hinder the agency's implementation of the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) we fought so hard for. It would put drinking water for the half-million Oregonians who rely on state forest watersheds at further risk.

Furthermore, 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), but would allow the timber industry to effectively force more clearcuts on state forests.