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On Behalf Of:

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

Topic: HB 4105

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, and Members of the Committee,

Please vote NO on moving HB 4105 out of committee.

HB 4105 would significantly change how forests are managed in order to benefit the timber industry with increased requirements for clear cutting in our state forests. The bill would:

- increase industrial clearcut logging on Oregon's public lands above current levels
- upset the balanced management on state forests by elevating logging over other values
- limit the state forester's and the Board of Forestry's ability to protect public resources
- prevent the ODF from implementing its Climate Change and Carbon Plan which it adopted in 2021.
- require consideration, *not* compliance, with the Habitat Conservation Plan and other policies that protect clean water, fish and wildlife habitat and carbon capture.

Not only would it be an expensive bill to implement, but it would waste all the time, effort and expense ODF has put into developing and implementing the current balanced management plan in the forests, the Climate Change and Carbon Plan, the Habitat Conservation Plan, and other policies that protect clean water, fish and wildlife habitat and carbon capture. It's my understanding that HB 4105 would result in the state having to abandon these plans and projects as they are now because logging would take precedence over the state's efforts to ensure we have an environment that can support life in the future.

Based on 2025 fiscal impact estimates from an identical bill last year, implementation would require \$1.1 million of initial funding to start this program. The new right to sue the ODF would also cost the state significant resources in ODF and DOJ staff time and legal fees, estimated to upward of ten million dollars. (Protect Oregon's State Forests & Finances, jliebezeit@birdallianceoregon.org)

Oregon state forests belong to ALL of us and are crucial habitat for salmon and other endangered species. Intact forests are more valuable to us than logged forests. They are economic powerhouses supporting jobs, the outdoor economy, and providing clean drinking water for about 10% of Oregonians. Don't give the timber industry the power to override and destroy Oregon's plans for healthy forests and ecosystems.

Thank you for voting no, and not passing this bill out of committee.