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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, Vice Chair McDonald and Members of the Committee,

This societal mindset that invaded the Americas beginning in 1492 must end now. Respect for ALL IN CREATION AS EQUALLY SACRED and having free will to pursue each path in freedom and in accordance with nature is mandatory. Why do humans pretend that we are NOT animals? is it so that humans can feel entitled to treat and perceive our close relatives here on the same planet as "other" for their use as food, skin, entertainment, abuse, sadism, game? The similarities are blatantly apparent.

I oppose House Bill 4105. This timber industry bill prioritizes timber production over other forest values on state forests. It undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage.

The bill is unnecessary. The Department of Forestry regularly meets or exceeds its timber harvest goals, often at the expense of clean water, habitat for fish and wildlife and carbon storage goals.

It's expensive. The state can't afford unneeded legislation with a large fiscal impact, especially with the current fiscal crisis.

It would lead to more costly litigation. The bill creates a new right to sue the Department of Forestry. It would only allow recipients of timber revenue access to the courts to challenge implementation of the timber harvest rule.

I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for our children and future generations.

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee