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Co-chairs Helm and Owens and members of the committee,

On behalf of Starker Forests, I am writing to express support for HB 4105.

HB 4105 is a good-governance measure that improves transparency and accountability in the management of Oregon's state forests. It directs the state forester to publish sustainable harvest levels, modernize forest inventory tools, and ensure timber sales continue to support Oregon's timber-dependent communities.

This bill does not increase harvest levels. It provides predictability for the local businesses and communities who rely on state timber. Businesses like Starker Forests rely on a strong mill infrastructure to support our community and workforce. Published harvest levels will allow communities in Oregon to adopt balanced budgets and make commitments to programs and services.

At its core, HB 4105 asks the state to clearly state what it plans to harvest, and we support it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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