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House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support HB 4105 – Improving Reliability, Transparency, and Accountability in ODF Data

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, and Members of the Committee,

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners strongly supports House Bill 4105 and urges its passage to improve the reliability, transparency, and accountability of data and modeling used by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). In our region, accurate state forest data is essential. Timber revenues directly support schools, public services, and local infrastructure. Dependable information allows the County and other local taxing districts to plan responsibly, adopt balanced budgets, and maintain stability for our communities.

HB 4105 helps communities like ours make informed decisions about allocating resources effectively. Early identification of potential revenue shortfalls enables the County to take proactive steps to adjust plans, coordinate with local and state partners, and protect essential services. Conversely, unreliable or unpredictable harvest projections create uncertainty that complicates budgeting and jeopardizes long-term stability for the programs and investments our residents rely on.

For too long, we have faced limited access to timely, understandable, and dependable information from ODF. This has made it difficult for local governments and other interest-holders to meaningfully engage in state forest management decisions and has reduced confidence in the processes guiding long-term planning. HB 4105 addresses these challenges by strengthening the foundation of state forest governance. By requiring verifiable inventory data, clearer modeling tools, public access to key metrics, and defined responses to shortfalls, the bill ensures that decisions are based on sound information and transparent processes.

We wish to make clear that this bill is not about changing forest policy goals or altering the direction of long-term forest management. HB 4105 allows recipients of state timber revenues to plan responsibly, budget realistically, and engage constructively in state forest management decisions. It is about ensuring those decisions are grounded in reliable data, transparent processes, and accountable governance.

For these reasons, we strongly urge your YES vote on HB 4105 to improve ODF's governance, ensure transparency, and provide counties with dependable information.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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