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I am deeply disturbed and appalled by this unconscionable, and unscientific bill as an Oregonian, this has me feel ashamed at what we think is justified to do to the land in the name of kickbacks to the timber industry that are unnecessary and highly damaging .

This bill would set an extremely dangerous precedent by weakening protections for Oregon's public state forests. The bill would not only require the state Department of Forestry to establish a timber harvest rule that prioritizes logging over fish and wildlife habitat, carbon storage, and recreation, but it could also hinder the agency's implementation of the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). To make matters worse, It would put drinking water for the half-million Oregonians who rely on state forest watersheds at further risk. Immediate no to this trash bill.

And the straw that broke the camels back? This 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 US!!!!!!), Oregon taxpayers), but would allow the timber industry to effectively force more clearcuts on state forests.

This bill incentivizes lazy, unscientific management of our forest, and it must be stopped!!!!!!