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Recent polling shows that Oregonians value clean air, clean water and wildlife habitat over logging. This is consistent with polling conducted in 2022 by the Oregon Values and Beliefs Center showing strong support for resource protection on state forests.

This bill is unnecessary. The State Forester already sets sustainable harvest levels consistent with the mandate to manage state forests for "Greatest Permanent Value" for all Oregonians and reports this to the public. The ODF has exceeded its harvest objectives over the past 10 years. Revenues from state forests are expected to increase over the next ten years. The ODF is currently evaluating plans, with the support of timber dependent counties, to increase timber harvest and revenue from state forests for the next ten years in a way that is consistent with the state forest Habitat Conservation Plan.

I believe a new way of providing revenue that supports local economies and funding for public services is long overdue instead of destroying our PUBLIC natural resources with increased logging! First possibility that comes to mind is double or tripling traffic fines on Interstates and freeways with the increase funding these services! This source funding would always increase from what I see just driving on I84!!