

**THE ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COUNTIES
OPPOSES HOUSE BILL 3481**

AOC appreciates the intention of proponents of HB 3481 to address the issue of whole log exports when the timber could be well used by Oregon mills. However, county commissioners and judges are uncomfortable with the design of this bill.

HB 3481 is complicated and difficult to understand.

The bill appears heavily bureaucratic, with three state agencies involved in its implementation, new financial accounts to be created, certification to be determined and issued, monitoring and rulemaking to be done, and credits to be prorated.

The only jobs to be created appear to be public sector jobs.

AOC believes that the mechanism authorized by HB 3481 will not achieve its well-intended goal or help the forest industry recover and sustain itself.

AOC cannot support House Bill 3481.