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We Support HB Bill 2984: Oregon's first urban lumber pilot project

Right now in Oregon, millions of dollars of high quality lumber from urban trees is destroyed because there is no organized process or management plans in place to care for urban trees or utilize the wood when these trees need to be removed due to development, disease, or they become a hazard. House Bill 2984 will organize and formalize how urban trees are planted and managed to stop this terrible waste of resources and in fact grow valuable lumber which benefits Oregon's economy. If we can grow food in the city, why not grow lumber in the city?

House Bill 2984 will have a significant economic impact to many local industries including nurseries, landscaping companies, arborists, landscape architects, local sawmills, contractors, furniture makers as well as increase Oregon's wood export market.

House Bill 2984 won't create clear cuts. It will create selective harvests while at the same time growing mixed aged, mixed species forests on underutilized land.

A large tree is beautiful but expensive to maintain and remove when it dies leaving significant expense for a property owner. In fact, many property owners will not replant a large tree once an existing large tree is removed. House Bill 2984 will offset the cost of tree removal and give property owners a financial incentive to plant large trees on their property.

Reforestation land is good for salmon and watersheds, sequesters carbon, and has scientifically documented public health benefits. House Bill 2984 will provide these amazing benefits in addition to growing the most sustainably produced lumber possible.