

Oregon House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
RE: HB 3226 OR Forest Practices Act Public Hearing 3-30-2017

Dear Committee Members
Rep. Brian Clem Chair
Rep. Susan McLain Vice-Chair
Rep. Sherrie Sprenger Vice-Chair
Rep. Greg Barreto
Rep. Sal Esquivel
Rep. Caddy McKeown
Rep. Karin Power
Rep. David Brock Smith
Rep. Brad Witt

I strongly support HB 3226 Oregon Forest Practices Act. Once upon a time, Oregon led the nation as #1 in Forestry Practices. That time has long passed, because of lack of public review & analysis. Oregon is now one of the last in Forestry Practices. HB 3226 is an excellent step towards getting Oregon out of last place. HB 3226 addresses some of the problems with Oregon's current Forestry Practices and is a good start at sustainable Oregon Forestry Practices. Forests have more than just timber as a value. It is long over due that the Oregon Forestry Practices Act recognizes other values too. Please support HB 3226.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 3226.

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