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House Natural Resources Committee

Re: HB 3226 Forest Practices Act Change

Our family is into its third generation involved in forestry and Related products. My son is a forest engineer from OSU. My Dad was a logger/tree farmer as I am. We want this rural industry to be here for the 4th generation.

The law is robust! The Oregon Forest Practices Act went into effect in 1972. It has worked well for decades, with government (ODF administration), environmental concerns and the industry.

Forestry takes long term thinking not knee jerk short term thinking!

OFPA does this very well. Do NOT try to fix something that works for all involved.

In closing, we challenge you to think outside the urban environmental box and talk to the rural communities where the work is done. OFPA does not require short term fixes. It is a long term solution that has been proven over the last 5 decades!

Quit demagoging the issue.

Allow the Oregon Forest Practices Act to work intact as a long term solution for all involved!

Sincerely,



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