

Dear Committee,

I am a small woodland owner in Yamhill County. Significant new regulation may completely change the economics of owning/managing small timberlands in Oregon. I harvested trees in a pre-commercial thinning last year. It was a necessary step to keep our forest healthy. The carefully managed harvest paid for itself but may not have been feasible if additional costs were added to the permitting process. I believe that HB3226 is overkill and will have significant negative consequences for small woodland owners who act as stewards of Oregon forest lands.

Kind regards,
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