

As a small forest owner of 80 acres I am against the strict regulations that would come from the passage of HB 3266. I am 64 years old and I have managed this property for timber and wildlife on a sustained use plan for many years. Now that I am going into my retirement years I will be leaning on the ability to get some financial rewards from all the work I have put in over the years. I take out a few loads here and there mostly through a selective logging process so I don't pull in a lot of money when I log. Legislating rules that increase the amount of money that I would need to spend to get a logging permit etc would destroy all that I have worked and planned for all of these years and would actually force me into logging large swaths of timber in order to make it pencil out, thereby destroying my dream of having a healthy forest to be passed onto my family for generations to come. My other choice would be to not log at all and then we would end up with a property that would have no management what so ever increasing fire loads and fire danger. This is a no win bill, for the landowner and for the state. It will force the little guy into selling his property to the large timber firms increasing their monopoly on our forests. Please reject this bill. Dave Buswell. 503 876 3904