

## HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE

### PLEASE OPPOSE H B 3226

I own 450 acres of timber land in Benton, and Polk counties

My company B & G Logging & Construction LLC located at Philomath, Oregon purchases timber sales from Forest Service, State of Oregon, BLM, and private landowners in the Benton, Linn, Lane, Polk and Tillamook areas. Then I harvest the timber and sell logs to local sawmills. More than 80 % of the timber we harvest is cable thinning in young stands of timber.

I have 40 employees who live in our area, and work full time year around harvesting timber.

In 2016 I filed 24 timber harvest notifications, just to comply with Oregon Department of Forestry regulations under the Forest Practices Act.

HB 3226 proposes to change the harvest notification of intent process to make it more difficult and time consuming. This will be a very large problem for the timber harvest operators in Oregon.

The effect of this bill, if passed, will be to severely restrict the timber harvest in Oregon just as it has in California. The California regulations have caused so much expense and time consumption that many smaller parcels are not economical to harvest.

The additional provisions of HB 3226 would cause great undue hardship on forest land operators like me.

For the above reasons I request you oppose HB 3226.

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