

To: House Natural Resources Committee

I'm sure HB 3226, like most proposed legislation, has good intentions. I'm asking that you please consider the ramifications for small woodland owners and do not pass this bill.

In my case my father, who is now 88 years old, inherited his approximately 250 acres from his father who came here from the "old country" in about 1910. After my parents farmed the part of the property that was tillable for most of the 60 years they were married, they retired and began harvesting the original fir trees, little by little, during their first retirement years. Most recently, in 2015, the timber was harvested for my mother's very expensive care in her last year of life, and allowed her to have her wish to stay in her home until she died.

I shared the above, very personal, comments in order to address Section 7 of this bill. There are many sections of this bill, as I understand it, which would make it difficult for one time harvests (such as for my mother's care) for small woodland owners to happen when needed. It would also make services of a professional forester necessary to meet all the requirements for notifications, which is costly to small woodland owners.

Please listen to the small woodland owners and do not pass HB 3226. Small woodland owners are committed to the responsible care of their property. Timber is a crop that does not always get harvested in a person's lifetime. It's an investment in the land and the environment and the future of Oregon.

Thank you.

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