

Re: HB 2656

Oregon House of Representatives Energy and Environment Committee

March 12, 2019

Dear Chairman Ken Holmes:

I oppose HB 2656.

I am manager of a small family timber company in Columbia County, Oregon called Big Fir Timber LLC. It is the legacy of Marvin and Ellen Meyer. Small parcels of previously logged land were purchased from 1948 and into the early 1960s and the land was managed and protected while they developed a Christmas tree business and logged salvage wood, primarily.

This year we logged 7 acres of even-aged Douglas-fir timber and were able to manufacture a significant amount of poles and piling in addition to cabin logs and world-class saw wood. The stand of timber is 80 year old and the result of natural reseeding, a wonderful piece of forest. NW Oregon-SW Washington is the only place in the world where significant quantities of high-quality poles and pilings grow, the only place.

We would like to continue to harvest modest amounts of world-class poles, pilings, cabin logs and saw wood each year. I do not understand why even-aged forest management, which produces our uniquely Oregon Douglas-fir poles, pilings, cabin logs and saw wood, is being considered for banishment.

Respectfully,

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