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Hello, today I write in support of HB 2656 in its ability to prohibit certain forest operations and other activities on forestland that supplies drinking water for one or more public water systems.

Altogether, it is crucial to protect our drinking water and all watersheds in our state from further forest operational encroachment with such activities as; carving out roads, clear cutting, the aerial spraying of Glyphosate, and other pesticides that are known to disrupt hormonal imbalance in the soil, and in the animals--

In addition, "Round Up" has been being directly linked to elk, deer and moose wasting disease and to causing cancer in humans. It has been found in the urine of dairy cows and bones of children. The spraying of herbicides and pesticides on our public lands and around our waterways and drinking water systems places all life at risk.

Moreover, No fracking, no cows, no sheep, no Nestle, and no mono crop tree farms ought to be allowed. All negative impacts such as clear cuts ought to be prohibited and all forest operational activities that increase the use of flame retardants that place human and non human animals at risk be prohibited. It ought to remain that there be no human activity in the Bull Run watershed and its surrounding area. Any watershed that contains critical habitat that endangered species such as the marble murrelet and Pica need to be protected from climate devastation linked to deforestation and the above mentioned negative forest operational impacts.

In closing, adequate shade buffers need to be maintained to protect cold water fish and watersheds from silt and storm-water run-off. The aerial and ground spraying of pesticides and herbicides around any watershed that supplies drinking water to one or more public water systems needs to be prohibited. And any other negative forest operation that might threaten the integrity of the quality and quantity of the public's water and forest ought to be prohibited. By prohibiting certain forest operations we will help protect the integrity of our State's valuable watersheds and protect forest as critical habitat that so many human and non human animals in the Pacific Northwest rely on. Water is Life.

Thank You for your Time and Consideration!

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