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Representative Helm,

I am submitting this written testimony to you in support of bill HB2656 and the Safe Waters Act of 2019. As a concerned citizen of Oregon, an outdoors enthusiast and a father raising a beautiful baby daughter that I hope to share the beauty of Oregon with, I am deeply concerned about the logging practices going on in our state.

As a dedicated steelhead fly fishing angler I have witnessed first hand the immense and devastating clear cuts affecting so many of our watersheds in some of the most remote coastal areas of our state. You do not have to look far to see miles and miles of clear cut hillsides paralleling our precious waterways. The blatant disregard for the negative effects this has on salmon and steelhead bearing streams is a disgrace. These destructive practices must end if our fish and watersheds are to survive.

I urge you to move this bill into a work session so that additional information can be considered, including information from the Department of Environmental Quality, so that the final contours of this bill can be developed.

Sincerely,

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