

HB 2659

Forest Carbon Incentive Act of 2019

Overview of benefits to Oregonians

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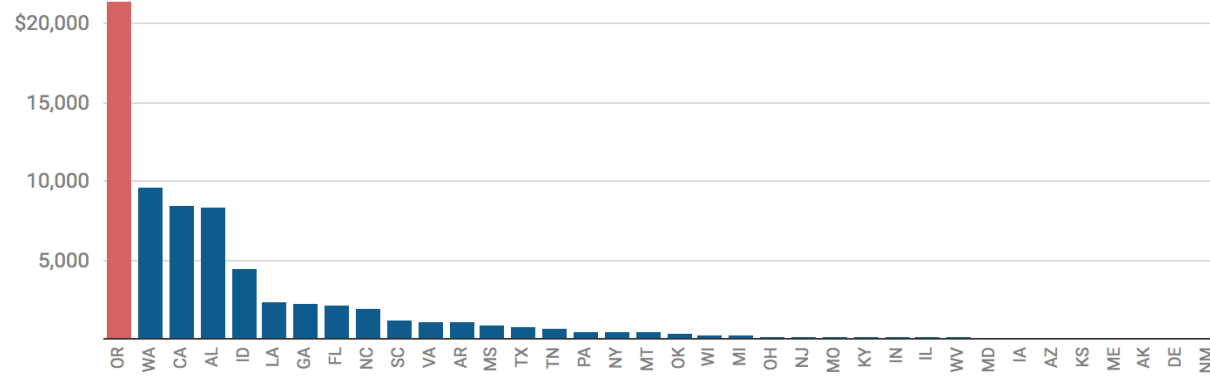
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Timber contributions

Contributions per state legislator in elections 2008 through 2017



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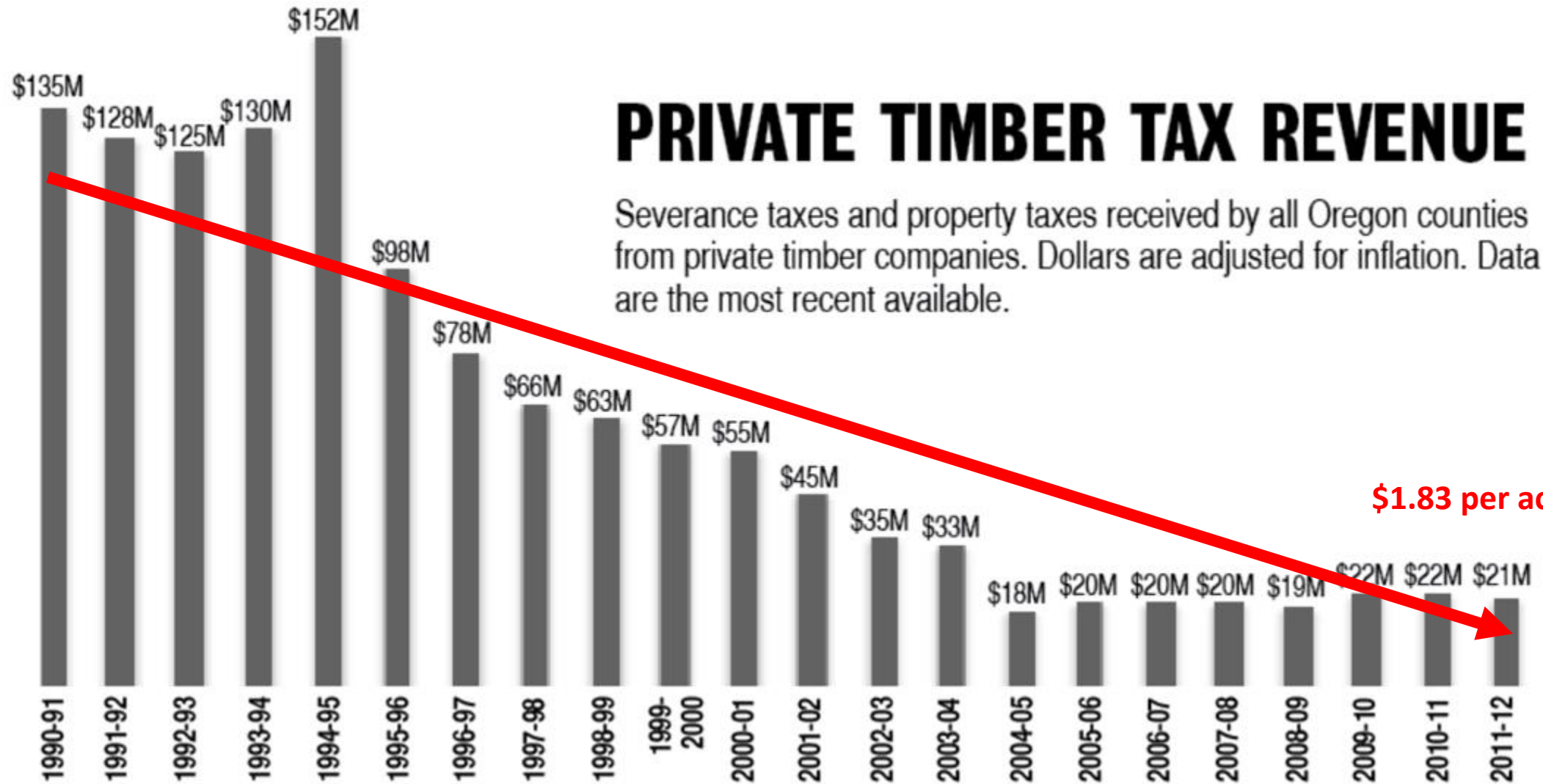


Polluted by Money

How **corporate cash** corrupted one of the greenest states in America

Oregon logging subsidies (partial listing)

Tax break or subsidy	Annual value (\$ millions)	Source(s)
Property tax exemption – standing timber	\$250.2	ODR Tax expenditure report
Large tract forestland special assessment	\$53.7	ODR Tax expenditure report
Property tax exemption – logging roads	\$22.5	ODR Tax expenditure report
Property tax exemption – skyline yarders	\$2.9	ODR Tax expenditure report
Subsidized federal timber – BLM	\$47.3	BLM analysis
Partial weight mile tax exemption – logging trucks	\$5.2	ODT analysis
Unreimbursed firefighting costs on timberland	\$134.2	USDA, ODF expenditure data
Unreimbursed ODF private forest program	\$23.4	ODF expenditure report
Severance tax exemption – large owners	\$14.9	Calculated
Subtotal:	\$554.3	



What Oregonians receive in return for over \$500 million in tax breaks and subsidies for industrial logging:

- *Fires*: plantations and clearcuts create highly flammable landscapes.
- *Depleted water supplies*: Studies have documented a 50% reduction in water supplies during the dry season.
- *Toxic algal blooms*: Low flows, warm water, and water laced with glyphosate and urea increase harmful algae bloom risks.
- *Landslides*: Timber harvests on high risk sites can increase landslide rates by 200-400%.
- *Flooding*: Peak flows have increased by 100% in large, heavily logged basins.
- *Extinction*: Over 1,000 species of plants, wildlife, and fish need real forests to survive.
- *Community instability*: As the BLM notes: “[b]ecause the timber industry has a long, national history of high volatility, alternatives with harvest volumes that exceed current levels are likely to introduce greater instability into local economies.”
- *Climate change*: Industrial scale logging is Oregon’s number one source of greenhouse gas emissions and undermines our ability to adapt to climate change.

An aerial photograph of a landscape, possibly a coastal or mountainous area, showing a mix of green vegetation and brownish-yellow soil or rock. A prominent, winding path or road is visible on the right side. A thick black horizontal banner is superimposed across the center of the image, containing the text "NO TAX BREAKS" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

NO TAX BREAKS



✓ TAX INCENTIVES +
✓ FOREST CARBON PAYMENTS



Who's Driving Oregon's Forest Policies? CEOs of the Oregon Forest Industries Council

*Doyle R. Simmons,
Weyerhaeuser*



*Christian Fischer,
Georgia-Pacific*



*David Nunes,
Rayonier*



*Todd Payne, GM
Seneca Jones*



*Mark Sutton,
International Paper*



*René Ancinas
Port Blakey*



*Steve Swanson,
Swanson Group*



*Andrew Miller,
Stimson*



*Thomas Ringo,
Pope Resources*



*Duncan Davies,
Interfor*



*Jake Gibbs,
Starker Forests*



*John Gilleland,
Campbell Global*



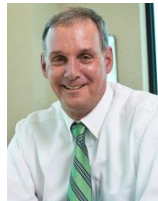
*Thomas Corrick,
Boise Cascade*



*John Rau,
Miami Corporation*



*Steve Zika,
Hampton Lumber*



*Douglas Reed,
Green Diamond*



*Roger Lord, Pres.
MB&G*



*Grady Mulberry,
Roseburg FP*



*William Peressini,
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*Toby Luther,
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Weyco reports 57% increase in profits, record-breaking wood sales figures

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Weyerhaeuser exports a significant number of logs to Asia from its log dock in Longview.

Bill Wagner, The Daily News

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