

To Senators Goldman, Baertshiger, Frederick, Prozanski and Thatcher.

Please vote no on HB1515, HB16 and HB36

I urge you to consider the needs of owners and managers of family-sized forestlands as you consider the above Bills and any Amendments thereto. My obligations are to many generations of my family and many more to come. Your obligations are likewise to many generations of Oregon Citizens as you consider the impact of those same Bills and Amendments.

it is clear to me that many provisions of said bills would unduly tie our hands as our family make decisions on how best to protect from fire hazards and restore toward a desired future condition. That condition is sustainability for water, fish, wildlife and wood, Those goals are in our forest management plans and are above and beyond what we gladly do as required by the Oregon's Forest Practices Act. It was enacted by your forerunners in far-sighted Legislatures composed of both Houses and both Parties.

YOU are expected to talk about what the facts are and what policies are best derived from them, not what political (and financial) outcomes may seem to dictate your vote whether in a Caucus, Committee or on the Floor.

Thank for carefully considering my pleas.

Sincerely, Gilbert A. Shibley
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