

Thank you, Chairman Witt and House Committee Members, for the opportunity to submit testimony and share my enthusiastic support of this bill.

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I write as an Oregonian and as a grandmother who cares about the health of our forests for future generations.

Though not Jewish myself, I am familiar with concept of chutzpah. It seems that the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) has it in abundance. A case in point is their two-minute animated video entitled, Forest Fact Break: Clearcutting ". . . which (and I quote) uses bold animated graphics, sound effects and narration to teach about natural resource topics in a fun, easy-to-understand way" (end quote). A cheery voice explains how clearcutting supports forest soil, wildlife habitat, and water quality.

OFRI has grade-specific educational resources and field programs to teach students about Oregon's forests for K through 12. Apparently, kindergarten is not too young to start indoctrination. By grade 12, imagine how much our students have learned?

Of course, what is really easy-to-understand is who is behind this cynical propaganda. OFRI is funded by a dedicated forest-products harvest tax. I trust you, Committee Members, to connect the dots back to the timber industry.

I am disgusted by OFRI. I am disgusted that taxpayer money is being spent to misinform Oregonians of all ages. Please protect Oregon's precious forests for all of us and for our children's children. Please wipe the OFR Institute off the face of this Earth.