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To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources; others

**Re: I OPPOSE [HB 2357]..[HB2379]...*The Forest harvest Tax should be eliminated.***

**[HB 2357]:** "Eliminates Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) and Oregon Forest Resources Institute Fund."

The Resource Economy: Agriculture, Forrest products, Fisheries and Mining are under continuous attack by the Oregon Legislature, why?

The Oregon Forest Resources Institute provides invaluable educational and Forest Management assistance. But, a new funding source must be utilized.

\*\*On the other hand, the appearance of lobbying, interferences with OSU Research, tentative support for clear cutting and damage to water resources need to be addressed and eliminated from the Oregon Forest Resources Institute's activities.

**The OFRI requires the Audits Division to initiate and complete performance and financial audits.**

**The OFRI could be funded from the Regional Solutions.**

**I support the elimination of the Forest Products Harvest Tax in its' entirety.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

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