

To House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
March 2, 2021

Chairman and members of the Committee: I am writing in support of HB 2357 to eliminate funding for OFRI, and I urge you to advance it to a full vote of the House. I am a small woodland owner who depends on the best latest forestry science to engage in best practices on our forest. OFRI consistently over the years has shown itself to be a biased organization that actually engages in lobbying on behalf of the timber industry and has sought to suppress science when it's conclusions are deemed not in the best interests of the timber industry. They should not be receiving revenue from the state based on the timber harvest tax. Using state funds OFRI also provides a educational material to school districts, thus controlling the messaging to future generations of Oregonians that is misleading because of its industry bias.

Advance 2357 and vote in favor of it!

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