

To Chair and Members of the Committee: I am a small woodland owner living in the rural area of East Multnomah County. I strongly support Rep. Anna Williams' amendment to this bill, which would direct the Oregon Department of Forestry to promote best practices on any logging operations in watersheds that feed into local water districts. Excessive clear cut logging in the Corbett Water District Watershed led to irreparable damage to the waterworks on the south fork of Gordon Creek. This has resulted in the Water District having to spend \$2.2 million to drill a new well. Water is one of our most precious resources emerging from healthy, intact forests. The ODF should play a central role in protecting this resource.