

My name is Bill Lansing. I am a graduate of the Yale School of Forestry, retired President and CEO of a forest products company in North Bend, Oregon, was a certified forester and am a 50-year member of the Society of American Foresters. Back in the 1970's I served on the southwestern Oregon Regional forest Practices advisory committee as well as an advisor to the Bureau of Land Management in Coos Bay. I am opposed to SB 335 for the following reasons:

1. the current Oregon Board of Forestry is well balanced and should not be changed. The board oversees the forest practices act and needs professionals who know something about the ecology of forests and the businesses that they support. Dropping representation from the those who understand the nuances of forest management would reduce the important oversight the Board provides.

2. Oregon has multiple different forest types and the Regional Forest Practices Committees bring knowledge to those specific issues that the Board, no matter their general knowledge could provide the guidance necessary to effectively guide the management of our varied forest resources.

3. I am very much opposed to having the governor appoint the State Forester. Doing so makes that position one of political bribery and not in the best interest of the citizens who depend upon proper management of our resources. I suggest for example, the political quagmire that the governor has put the state in regarding the Elliott State Forest.