

This bill adds to the controversy surrounding the Board of Forestry, complicates the process, and creates more problems than answers.

SB335 reduces the eligibility of citizens with practical forestry experience from serving on the seven member Oregon Board of Forestry.

Current statute states no more than three members of the Board may receive any significant portion of their income from the forest products industry. SB 335 would reduce representation from the forest products industry to no more than two members, and require that if two members meet this requirement, at least one must represent small forest landowners.

This bill takes the authority away from an appointed Board and hands it to 9 citizens per region that are only required to have experience or education in forestry, however there is no defining what education or experience is - if I planted a tree that is experience, if it lived or died - I learned something and that is education. Those on the Board must have significant forestry experience to understand the issues and how best to approach issues and make decisions based on relevant information.

This is a poorly written bill that would cause a lot more harm than any resemblance of good.

Sincerely,
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