

I strongly support SB 335. The State Board of Forestry needs reform to more fairly include non-timber interests' representation. The bill's provisions are reasonable and increase accountability to the public's interests in conservation and will enable better oversight of our forests. As science has validated, Oregon forests provide essential ecoservices and climate carbon banking services that must be considered in forest management. The Regional Forest Practices Act Committees need to be eliminated. The bill rightly shifts the power to hire and fire the State Forester to the Governor who should have the best interests of Oregonians in mind in exercising that power. For too long timber interests have had too much control over the fate of our forests, and SB 335 will correct some of those issues and provide more transparency. Please pass SB 335. Thank you.