

Thank you for the work you do. I am writing on behalf of the Timber Severance Tax bill and hoping that you will consider the following slight modifications to the bill.

1. REITs and TIMOs paying a larger share of taxes, as currently they pay little to no corporate, personal income tax, or excise tax, in Oregon.
2. Small woodland owners (<2500 acres) to have a lower tax rate
3. Reduce or eliminate the tax for owners who have Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification or other requirements to ensure:
 - Longer harvest rotation cycles.
 - Promote forest health for carbon sequestration, water quality and quantity, soil quality, species diversity, fire management.
4. Significant percentage of revenue should be distributed directly to timber counties to be used as they see fit: infrastructure, law enforcement, libraries, mental health care, water protection, etc.
5. Percentage of revenue directed to watershed protection to increase wildlife vitality and the natural beauty of our state.
6. Percentage or Remainder to Fire management Fund to better prepare for the future.

Thank you for your consideration and remember trees are our best natural cleaner to our air and Oregon has some really good air!