

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Pham & Reschke, Members Levy, Marsh, Smith & Valderrama,

I write today in support of HB 2357 to change the funding and direction of the Oregon Forest Resource Institute (OFRI). OFRI has been proven to not be a trusted provider of accurate, science-based information to our schools and to the general public. I wholly support removing OFRI's ability to provide "generalized advertising for public education."

We need OFRI to be redirected to serve the interests of all Oregonians, not just the interests of the timber barons. I support the ensuring that half of the imposed timber tax be directed to support relevant climate science and adaptive management of our forests.

OFRI has proven that they cannot be trusted in educating the public. They have marketed pro-timber industry propaganda, attempted to suppress scientific research, and have illegally lobbied against politicians and policies at odds with their pro-timber industry bias.

Please support HB 2357 and ensure that OFRI pivots to represent the interests of all Oregonians.

Thanks.

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