

Dear Chair, Nathanson and members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of 2357 because the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) does not present sound or responsible scientific information to our schools and the public. I support the idea of prohibiting OFRI from engaging in "generalized advertising for public education."

OFRI has used tax dollars not to encourage sound environmental logging practices but rather to promote the logging industry. They have tried to undermine scientific research conducted by OSU's College of Forestry. Although they are prohibited from lobbying, they have lobbied against legislation that would help mitigate climate change.

We need Independent, science-backed research and curriculum without OFRI as the middleman.

Please redirect OFRI funds to benefit the state of Oregon and support honest scientific research.

Sincerely,

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