

To: Members of the House Committee on Revenue

Date: May 10, 2021

RE: Support for HB 2357A – Reform OFRI (redirect funding).

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Pham and Reschke, and members of the House Committee on Revenue,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. I am writing in support of HB-2357A. We need to change the funding and direction of the Oregon Forest Resource Institute. OFRI has abused the public trust by not providing accurate and science-based information to the general public. They have promoted timber industry misinformation and suppressed important scientific research. At this critical time we need to do exactly the opposite – support climate science and adopt climate smart forestry practices.

Sincerely,

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