

Dear Chair Nathanson & Revenue Committee Members: I am writing to urge you to support HB 2357. As an Oregon taxpayer during this time of crisis, I am outraged that OFRI is abusing tax dollars, distorting science, and helping to destroy our forests on behalf of the clearcutting of Big Timber. This MUST stop!

Below are just three of many reasons to stop supporting OFRI. Please vote to approve HB 2357 because:

- **OFRI markets pro-timber propaganda as curriculum for schools:** OFRI's forestry curriculum cherry picks forest science and skews information to cast industry as benign. OFRI's curriculum underplays the impacts of clearcut logging and presents timber industry messaging points as forest facts.
- **OFRI misleads Oregonians with dishonest advertising:** OFRI spends millions of dollars annually to push out television, radio and digital media advertisements spreading the message that Oregon's forest laws are strong. OFRI's advertisements ignore the stories of Oregonians currently experiencing the negative impacts of industrial logging, and dishonestly suggest that Oregon is a leader in environmentally sound forestry.
- **OFRI attempts to silence scientific research:** In an attack on academic freedom, OFRI executives lobbied legislators and university officials to undermine groundbreaking forest-climate research conducted by a team of scientists at Oregon State University's College of Forestry.

Thank you for your support, and for making a positive difference for our forests.

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