

I am writing in support of HB 2357. OR's Department of Forestry needs an overhaul that will serve the well being of all Oregonians rather than the greed of the timber industry and corporations. If we are to have any chance of mitigating climate disaster by sequestering carbon and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, we need to stop clear cutting. A forest is more than a tree farm with products to be harvested for profit. I am all in favor of reducing the influence of private first industry in managing our precious natural resources. It's not that I oppose the cutting and sale of timber all together. What is needed is a stronger say in forestry management by climate scientists to balance all of the competing interests.

Thank you.