

Dear Chair Nathanson and members of the Committee:

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

I also support redirecting half of the timber tax to support climate science, reporting and monitoring of pesticide use in forest operations, and adaptive management driven by research. I have the following comments:

- Support for climate science and climate smart forestry. We need to know the amount of forest carbon that is emitted by logging in Oregon. We cannot begin to reduce emissions unless we know what our impact is on the climate.
- Enhanced reporting and monitor use of toxic chemicals in our forests. ODF needs to disclose the amount of chemicals it uses, and those used by industry. The use of chemicals is impacting our drinking water, shellfish, salmon, terrestrial and aquatic life.
- Adaptive management. We need ODF to help landowners address the fire risk from private industrial forest operations. We also need to focus our resources on protecting homes and communities.

What We Do Want:

- Climate science and climate smart forestry
- Transparency in use of public funds
- Independent, science-backed curriculum without OFRI as middleman
- Funding for outdoor education that doesn't have to go through OFRI
- Academic freedom for scientists, unbiased support for research
- Forest policy informed by the best forest science
- Redirect OFRI funds to benefit the state of Oregon!

OFRI has lost its social license through its long-standing disinformation campaign and its illegal, behind-the-scenes efforts to undermine public understanding of key issues. We need independent, truthful scientific information being provided to all Oregonians!