



To: Members of the House Committee on Revenue  
From: Finn Maunder, Oregon Chapter Sierra Club  
Date: June 2, 2021  
RE: Testimony for HB 2070

Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee,

We are writing to register our support for the Marsh and Nathanson amendments to HB2070, and thank Chair Nathanson for giving this vital issue a public hearing.

It is clear from the biennial legislative wrangling that engulfs our government over Oregon's Harvest Tax that it is a costly and time-consuming, and historically unproductive, debate. We are enthused by the amendments' changes to the Harvest Tax's unconventional review schedule. These amendments to HB 2070 will put the issue to bed, finally freeing up legislative time to focus on other important issues affecting Oregon forestland. Moreover, the Marsh and Nathanson amendments deliver increased transparency and dependability for both the legislature and for individual forestland owners.

Oregon must continue to support forestry research and education, firefighting costs and the Department of Forestry. The Marsh and Nathanson amendments provide critical financial provisions for exciting and innovative solutions to meet the challenges of climate change and protect the wild places we all care for.

Sincerely,

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