

This HB has several unintended consequences for small private landowners that have timber. Central and Eastern Oregonians don't have the sawmills they once had, harvesting any timber is very expensive to the landowner, most have to ship it several hundred miles to a mill and the price of pine has been de-valued by the environmentalists and our own Forest Service to almost nothing. An added tax would just be lining the governments pockets, taxing small landowners is not the way to pay for government handouts. It is tough enough to keep a place these days, adding another tax is not a good idea.