

To whom it may concern:

I am in opposition of HB 2357. The Oregon Forest Resources Institute is not funded by the general public. It's funds come from forestland owners who pay a tax on harvested timber similar to how the Oregon Dairy and Nutrition Council is funded by the dairy farmers. OFRI is a vital resource to Oregonians providing education to the public, specifically landowners by advancing understanding of forests, forest management and forest products. It also encourages sustainable forestry through landowner education. OFRI also is so very important to helping our K-12 children learn about forestry and the importance it has for our Oregon way of life! Thanks.

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