

To Whom it May Concern,

I have been an elementary school teacher in Salem for 24 years. My experiences with the Oregon Forest Resources Institute have always been positive.

OFRI has provided funding for field trips for my students and those of my colleagues for more than a decade. Many of my students had never entered a forest before their forest field trip. Without the funding from OFRI, these field trips would not have been possible.

The field trips, curriculum materials, and staff funded by OFRI have been an effective and fun boost to my classroom teaching in the fall. More importantly, the knowledge that is shared with our students and many others shows how Oregon forests can be managed in a way that supports our communities while protecting forests for the future.

Please vote NO on this bill.

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