

I and my family own a small amount of timber ground which we have harvested portions of and would like to keep the ground in timber and receive the benefit of wooded areas and occasional dollars from harvesting. As this bill is discussed I have not heard any actual numbers on where the timber industry is as a tax paying group compared to other Oregon Industries. Relying on a reporter, even one with a college education, to understand actual taxation percentages from one industry to the next would be a very sad mistake and to expect this very biased reporting to guide new taxes - tax rates is almost funny if not so scarily true. I oppose the proposed taxes, oppose eliminating OFRI and oppose ending the 50% - 50% cost share of fighting fire in Oregon.