

I strongly oppose eliminating OFRI, which is an important educational resource for our state. The timber and forestry programs and outreach they support would be very difficult to rebuild or replace. Among the great programs from OFRI: funding for Talk About Trees a fantastic program that gives kids in pre-k to 8th grade hands on learning about our forests. OFRI provides free bussing for forest related field trips to schools around the state. OFRI also funds free teacher workshops through OSU's ONREP program.

As well as funding K-12 Education, OFRI supports landowners and provides the general public with information about our forests.

It would be detrimental to all Oregonians if OFRI were to be eliminated! Please vote no on HB2357.

Sincerely,
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