

My name is Amy Jahnke. I am the Executive Director of Oregon Small Woodlands Association, or OSWA, and I represent more than 3500 family forest owners across the state who own between 2 and 5000 acres of forest land. I am writing this statement to note our opposition to HB 2430 and HB 2389, and our neutral position on HB 2070.

We oppose HB 2389 because the future needs of our society and industry are not known today and we can't predict whether or not the rates adjusted for inflation will suffice or be in excess of the budgetary needs of the departments they support.

We oppose HB 2430 because it's unclear to us what benefit adjusting the rates on an annual basis would have when the state budgets are determined on a biennial basis. We don't believe annual frequency of adjusting the rates is necessary.

HB2070 uses the best available data to calculate the rates based on the budgetary needs of the state departments that it supports. We are neutral on this bill because the rates are unknown at this point.

Sincerely,

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