

I am in support of HB 2357 because of the Oregon Forest Resource Institute's record of harmful and deceptive practices. Rather than continue to support this organization, it is time to redirect the funding OFRI receives to an organization that will truly support sustainable forestry practices in Oregon.

Research has shown that the clear-cutting of Oregon forests is one of the state's most significant sources of pollution. This is egregious when time is running out to mitigate some of the most dramatic and deadly effects of climate change. We need healthy and robust forests to act as carbon-sinks and habitats for the wild plants and animals that the world is losing at an alarming rate.

Rather than continuing to provide public funding to the deceptive timber industry, it is imperative to support forestry practices that are healthy for the entire forest ecosystem and for the human environments that benefit so much from them. Now is the time to prioritize the health and wellbeing of people and forests over the financial interests of a few individuals.

Thank you for your time.

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