

Please support HB 2357 to end government funding of the Oregon Forest Research Industry (OFRI). OFRI has been exposed and is now known to have used taxpayer dollars for decades to promote industrial timber clear-cuts in the media and as school curriculum in efforts to convince the public that clearcuts are good for Oregon. Anyone that knows anything about forest ecology knows this is false and misleading.

HB 2357 requires that some tax revenue under forest products harvest tax be credited to State Forestry Department Account for deposit in Sound Forestry Practices Subaccount. These tax payer dollars need to be redirected to science-based forest management. It is time to stop using our tax dollars supporting unsound practices that damage our environments and Oregon's ecological health.

On behalf of my grandchildren,
Thank you for supporting this bill.