

Subject: SB 1546 (-1) Public Testimony.

Chair Golden, Vice Chair Kennemer, and members of the Committee;

For the record my name is Twila Jacobsen,

I urge a YES on SB 1546 (-1) which creates a new Elliott State Research Forest publicly owned by the State of Oregon, with a board appointed by the Oregon Land Board, strong accountability mechanisms, and managed by Oregon State University. His bill creates the opportunity to move the Elliott from decades of conflict into a new era of consensus based conservation.

I am a graduate of Oregon State University and very pleased that this bill will provide an opportunity for many schools within OSU to develop research and curriculum that will move our educational efforts forward as we face climate change and chaos, psychological impact and importance to humans as well as wildlife of intact forest ecosystems, music and art that derives from a relationship to intact forest communities, and the well-being of all species, including the mycorrhizal fungi supporting this forest underground.

Thank you

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