

Submitter: Bill Lansing
On Behalf Of: School children
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery
Measure: SB1546

I am writing in opposition to SB 1546 regarding the Elliott State Forest:

By way of introduction, I am the retired President and CEO of Menasha Forest Products Corporation once headquartered in North Bend, Oregon. I am a life-time member of the Society of American Foresters. I have spent over 50 years managing forest resources in southwestern Oregon, raised my family in this area, sent them to public schools and have seen the good and bad components of our economy caused by the loss of family-wage jobs. I also have a deep abiding passion for Oregon's public schools and their financing. AS such several years ago, the Oregon Education Association recognized this passion by awarding me the Citizen of the Year.

Now to the Elliott fiasco:

- 1.) The Elliott grows about 80 million board feet annually;
- 2.) Logs are currently selling for \$800 to \$1,000 per thousand board feet;
- 3.) Since Oregon has over 500,000 school children, the value of this sustainable growth translates to \$128 per student forever;
- 4.) All harvesting has stopped over the past decade at the loss of substantial income to the Common School Fund;
- 5.) Applying traditional appraisals for market value yields a minimum sales value if the Elliott were sold of over \$800,000,000;
- 6.) Where will the money come from to pay for the continued "research" expenses?
Likely, the tax payers;
- 7.) Does the Oregon Education Community really understand what SB 1546 really does to the cost of jobs and money for schools;

The whole process of dealing with this magnificent asset has been one that mirrors the 1990's with the federal forest plans.

I strongly request that the program to manage the Elliott State Forest be put back in the hands of the Oregon Department of Forestry with the mandate that the State Land Board carry out its fiducial responsibilities as trustee of the Common School Lands and do what is right for our children.

Thank you