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If SB 1534 is truly aimed at carbon sequestering then it must be aimed at increased harvest as well. Since it's well known fact that trees only hold carbon until they either die and decay releasing the stored carbon or burn again releasing stored carbon. It seems the best way to keep from releasing the carbon is to turn that tree into building material. That way the carbon is stored as long as the building is maintained. It seems wood is the only true green building material. Furthermore a trees ability to capture carbon decreases as it ages. With younger trees doing most of the work. It would seem harvesting mature trees and replanting younger ones could actually speed up the carbon sequestration. This would be especially true if we were to plant 3 or 4 young trees for every mature tree harvested. As we already do here in Oregon. If this bill does address the need for continuing harvest at current levels or higher then it is not truly aimed at carbon sequestration. Reduced harvest would have a profound impact on both economies and our ability to sequester carbon. Both sides should be able to see this plain as day. If this bill plans to reduce harvest I employ you to vote NO. For Oregon jobs, Oregon economy, and the environment.