



**Marion County**  
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Board of Commissioners

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House Committee on Revenue  
900 Court Street, NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS**

RE: Marion County Opposes SB 1502

Danielle Bethell, Chair  
Colm Willis  
Kevin Cameron

Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee,

The Marion County Board of Commissioners is opposed to SB 1502 as part of the Private Forest Accord. The Private Forest Accord places unfair burdens and regulations on successful small forest owners and takes away their property rights. As small forest owners see their timber values diminish over time, many will have no choice but to sell to larger forest owners.

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The Private Forest Accord was developed to create bipartisan legislation that mitigates the effects of activities regulated under the Oregon Forest Practices act with buy-in from the timber industry and environmental groups. Unfortunately, the outcome is a rushed and lopsided plan.

The sweeping changes to the Oregon Forest Practices Act proposed by the Private Forest Accord fail to adequately factor in the voices of the small forest owners and landowners who have large amounts of their forest next to streams. These voices should be considered when extensive changes to regulations are made.

Thank you for helping responsibly manage our forests. The Marion County Board of Commissioners urges the committee to not support SB 1502.

Sincerely,

Danielle Bethell, Chair

Colm Willis, Vice Chair

Kevin Cameron, Commissioner

BOC: RTB