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Thanks for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 3019. My name is Rand Schenck. I am the Forestry Lead for the Metro Climate Action Team. We support this bill. For too long the Oregon Forest Resources Institute has been engaged in questionable activities including using taxpayer dollars to discredit reputable scientists and to downplay threats to our water supply watersheds as a result of industrial clearcutting. Public funds should no longer be allowed to serve the timber industry and to mislead the public. Reform of OFRI is critically needed.

We are pleased to know that this bill will allow ODF to ensure that factual information will be forthcoming from OFRI and that the Board would be required to have voting members who represent the environmental community and fishery or wildlife related science.