

Submitter: Bob and Bonnie Shumaker

On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and
Water

Measure: HB3019

We oppose HB 3019. OFRI was created by the legislature in 1991 to educate the public and landowners about forest practices. We are small woodland owners who have benefited from the education provided by OFRI, and it has been demonstrated that the public has as well. Forest owners need education on the complex management of forests. OFRI's well-researched reports are invaluable. OFRI receives NO General Fund dollars. Forest owners agreed to a harvest tax to fund OFRI. There is no agreement to redirect this harvest tax money.