

Submitter: Jen Hamaker

On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB3019

ONRI opposes any new taxes. The timber and wood products industry pays 1 and 1/2 times more taxes than any industry in Oregon. OFRI has had its funding reduced to a crippling level and to keep taking from OFRI who is a critical resource, especially to the over 60,000 timberland owners in Oregon, is not wise. The new Private Forest Accord rules, laws, regulations, taxes, paperwork, etc are difficult to understand and maneuver through especially for small timberland owners. OFRI provides much needed direction and is a critical resource! ONRI also opposes adding a person who represents the environmental community, what is that anyway? Timberland owners are the stewards of their land, they are the true environmentalists who know how to manage their forests. ONRI opposes the gross governmental overreach which instructs State Forestry Department to review and consider factual accuracy of communications and publications produced or recommended by institute. Provides that department may approve or disapprove communications or publications. How absurd is this expenditures of time and resources to check accuracy of what OFRI publishes when they are already highly scrutinized? ONRI also opposes more gross government overreach by requiring OFRI to maintain records of staff interactions with certain individuals, report to Governor on records and make report publicly available. COME ON DEMBROW and other sponsors, we deserve better than this!

Sincerely,
Jen Hamaker
President
Oregon Natural Resource Industries