

Hello Chair Helm and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments. My name is Kathleen Sullivan, I live in Astoria, OR. I served on the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee four years as a Clatsop County Commissioner, from 2017 through 2020. I support the proposed reforms to Oregon Forest Resources Institute funding as proposed by HB 3019.

- Reduce OFRI's budget, by lowering the portion of the harvest tax OFRI receives.
- Allow Oregon Department of Forestry oversight over OFRI's communications and publications.
- Ensure balanced and diverse membership on the OFRI board.
- Shift the portion of harvest tax revenue earmarked for K-12 education funding taken from the OFRI budget and given directly to Oregon State University programs.

Please end the industrial timber industry using public dollars to control the narrative. Let us expand the information to the public that includes the reality of climate change, and proven ways of adaption and mitigation. The next generation deserves the truth.

Remember the tobacco companies saying their products weren't addictive? Or the petroleum industry knowingly misinforming the public on how their products don't contribute to climate change? Or ask the farmers dealing with nitrates in their water systems, what they were told about the risks of the products they used on their fields. Privatizing profits and having the public pay for the harms needs to end.

Please support HB 3019. Thank you.