

Submitter: Heather Harter

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB795

The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce supports SB 795 because it gives our community one more tool to help determine our own economic future. Without the ability for us to make decisions locally, the Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan may harm counties like ours that are dependent on the timber industry. Without this bill, the plan will cause a decrease in revenue to each county. This bill would allow each county's leadership to decide how they want to manage the Forest Land Trusts in their area. We need to be able to determine what is best for our community members and where our county's economic future is headed. What may work for some Oregon counties will not work for all of Oregon. So, it is important to let the counties decide how their communities will thrive, and SB 795 will allow for them to have that power.