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Of:

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Water

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While I support the stated goals "Directs the State Forester to establish sustainable harvest levels for harvesting timber on state forestland and develop a timber inventory model to inform sustainable harvest levels," I oppose the maximize timber harvest, as desired by the timber corporations. We have enough clear cuts and destroyed habitats. We need to do better. We need to insure protection of water sheds, preservation of habitat for fish and wildlife, and promote carbon absorption and storage.

Please do not pass this bill out of committee. We need to direct the State Forester to pursue truly sustainable practices of selective cutting and minimize habitat destruction. Second growth after clear cuts are tree farms, not forests. We need to shift the management of our state forests, so they remain forests.