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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB4106

As a long-term resident of Oregon, I think there has been and continues to be enormous amounts of clear-cutting that pockmark Oregon's State Forests which negatively impacts so many aspects of Oregon: water quality, fish & wildlife habitats, climate change, the lack of tree diversity due to the monoculture of replacement forests, and last but not least tourism, hiking and all the outdoor amenities that make Oregon such an exceptional state. The lumber industry needs to be the party that justifies its need to perform clear-cutting as opposed to selective logging, and perhaps invest more in conscious sustainable logging rather than constantly maximizing profits at the expense of the benefits for other Oregonians.

I strongly oppose HB 4106. If passed, this bill would undermine the state forest plan to conserve crucial fish and wildlife habitat and would result in more clearcuts, less habitat, and more timber industry lawsuits. Please don't let this bill pass out of committee.