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On Behalf  
Of:

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

Measure: HB4106

Dear Members of the Committee,

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.

As our climate continues to change by our own doing we need to do everything in our power to remove carbon from the atmosphere, protect clean water, and protect wildlife habitat. We are not the only ones living on this planet. Allowing the wall street run, profit hungry, take-as-much-as-we-can-get-the-future-be-damned timber industry to rewrite state law to force the Forestry department to allow more clear cuts on our public land is fully shirking your responsibility to assure present and future Oregonians a livable climate. Diverse old and second growth forests are natural carbon sinks. They provide opportunities for recreation and inspiration and are one of the things that make Oregon truly a beautiful place to live. Yes some logging is necessary. But clear cuts have been shown time and again to be detrimental to the forest and the downstream communities. Oregon has some of the weakest forest protections as is, don't let money hungry people strip you of your moral obligation to protect the land.

Humans are not the only species on this planet. We are not the only ones who are aware of what's going on. We will not be the only ones to suffer the consequences of our incessant greed. Stop killing the forest for a quick buck, it's a bad look for us.