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Industrial timber landowners & companies do not pay their fair share of taxes in Oregon. This is a scandal. Counties are in desperate need of fire and safety services and we are in desperate need of community home hardening to prepare for the next wildfire season.

Please pass the Revenue study bill SB 1593-1 for a Severance tax on forested lands: Graduated tax from 1% for <500 acres to 6% for largest landowners (>5000 acres) when timber is cut.

Provide a tax incentive if timber management uses longer rotations, and selective harvesting.

Growing trees longer and preserving intact forests are the most effective natural climate solution to draw carbon out of the atmosphere and store in forests.

Use 50% of the revenue to fund fire preparedness and fire management.

Return 40% of the revenue to counties to fund needed services.

Provide 10% for watershed management and infrastructure.

Thank you.