

Submitter: Sarah Deumling  
On Behalf Of: ZENA FOREST LLC  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Chair and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

With my family, I own and manage the 1300 acre Zena Forest in the Eola Hills of Polk County. We also operate a small hardwood sawmill which manufactures primarily flooring from our heretofore underused Oregon tree species which will last (and hold carbon) for many generations. Our hope and goal with both the ecological forest management and the wood products is to provide Oregon based jobs and businesses for many generations to come. State investment in climate resilient agriculture and forestry is one of the very wisest investments in the future that I can imagine. The potential benefits on many levels are huge - jobs, climate, resource protection (land/soil, air, water, biodiversity) and more. "Doing things right" for the planet and future generations generally cost more than the alternatives, often quite a bit more.

I encourage you to fund the Natural and Working Lands Fund as generously as possible. It is certainly among the (if not the single) most strategic use of our taxpayer dollars which will benefit all Oregonians far into the future. We welcome you to look us up at [www.zenaforest.com](http://www.zenaforest.com) and arrange a visit.

Thank you for your thoughtful work toward keeping Oregon the place we love and call home.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Deumling