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I am in support of SB 1590. Keep all of Oregon's public lands public. Much of Oregon's public lands are forested. When these forests are privatized they end up being heavily logged. The clearcuts that have made a patchwork of the Oregon coastal forests are privately owned. Oregon's forests are too ecologically valuable to be destroyed. Our mature and old-growth trees and forests are worth more standing. They capture and purify fresh water and continuously remove disproportionately large amounts of carbon dioxide from our atmosphere, storing the carbon in their branches, trunks and roots while they provide habitat and refuge for wildlife.

Please do not let private profiteers destroy the outstanding benefits for millions of organisms, including humans, that standing mature forests provide.  
Thank you for your consideration.