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Oregonians support resource protection on state forests. We value clean air, clean water and wildlife habitat over logging.

The State Forester already sets sustainable harvest levels. This bill is unnecessary and is costly, requiring initial funding at an estimated \$1 million – that is not acceptable for something most Oregonians do not want.

We do not need the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to feel compelled to increase harvest levels at the expense of natural resources. Do not allow a mandatory harvest rule as this bill is proposing. HB 4105 would elevate logging over clean air and water, fish and wildlife habitat, carbon storage and recreation. It would limit the state forester's and the Board of Forestry's ability to protect public resources.

It will prevent the ODF from implementing its Climate Change and Carbon Plan. The bill would only require consideration, not compliance, with the Habitat Conservation Plan and other policies that protect clean water, fish and wildlife habitat and carbon capture. Consideration is not enough, if it's optional it won't be done, won't be considered, and will be ignored. History shows industry – all industry including logging - does what it wants and doesn't "consider" anything else.

This bill is a power play by the timber industry and does not reflect the greatness of Oregon and our natural resources. Oregon is special. Keep it out of the hands of greed. Oppose HB 4105.