

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly oppose House Bill 4105 and its amendments. This timber industry bill undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage.

All of this is highly damaging to one of Oregon's greatest resources and industry, tourism and outdoor sports. Passing this bill would lead to irreparable damage to our natural spaces and forests - furthering poor economic outcomes from damaging tourism and increasing the risk of wildfires that come with rampant logging.

I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for our children and future generations.

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,

Jessica Neilson