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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4105

To the dedicated members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water, please , please oppose HB 4105. This bill would undermine protections for Oregon's state forests by putting clearcuts before our children's future, above clean water and food, above fish, wildlife, and recreation and so many more values that Oregonian's cherish in our state forests. HB 4105 jeopardizes the implementation of the Western State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) that Oregon's communities have have fought so hard for and HB 4105 also prevents the Oregon Department of Forestry from managing its forest to sequester carbon. Clear cutting will release untold tons of carbon into the atmosphere and destroy already dwindling habitat and wildlife of all shapes and sizes.

?Despite so much pressure to destroy Oregon's remaining wild places, we' have made tremendous progress protecting our communities beloved outdoor spaces, clean water and habitat for wildlife like Marbled Murrelet and Northern Spotted Owl as well as endangered salmon. This bill would destroy chances for our children and theirs to experience the Oregon I grew up with and love with all my heart. Clear-cutting short term financials gains threatens safe drinking water for the half-million residents who rely on state forest watersheds. Drinking water that would take many decades to clean if even possible. One fir tree takes 40yrs to mature and mono-cropping increases wildfire risk 10 fold. Please, please, please do not allow HB 4105 to be passed. Please, to the dedicated members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water, please vote "No" on this short sighted, blind and greed fueled bill. Protect the last remaining wild places for us and for our states future children. Help set the standard for nature all across the United States. Thank you.

Desperately,

-Sheri Rose Smith