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I am a graduate of OSU School of Forestry with a Master of Forestry degree and have worked in the private forest industry for 50 years. Much of my time was spent on cruising and appraising timber sale on the Elliott State Forest for Lone Rock Timber. Each year there was a predictable sustained yield on the forest with a annual cut which mills could count on being sold. Each year we figured a percentage of the sales volume could be purchased to sustain the Sun Studs and Sun Veneer mills. Today it seems that from all of the state forestland mills cannot count on a predictable supply of logs to run their mills. HB 4105 directs the State Forester to determine the available state forestland, establish sustainable harvest levels for harvesting timber on state forestland and manage available state forestland. I support this bill in order to maintain a viable forest industry in Oregon. Today's mills that rely on logs from state forestland need a predictable volume that they could be able to bid on to run their mills.