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OREGON CHAPTER

Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

February 9, 2026

RE: Oppose HB 4105, Relating to reliable forest management outcomes

Dear Chair Helm, Chair Owens, Vice Chair McDonald, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the more than 55,000 members and supporters of the Sierra Club Oregon Chapter, we write in opposition to House Bill 4105. This bill would elevate logging above other aspects of the Oregon Department of Forestry's requirement to manage forests for the Greatest Permanent Value. Those other aspects include clean water for wildlife and human communities, salmon and wildlife habitat, and recreation. HB 4105 would require the state forester to set timber harvest targets through rulemaking, preempting all other plans, policies, or directives made by the Board of Forestry. This would undermine the Western Oregon State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and impede ODF's ability to implement its Climate Change and Carbon Plan (Climate Plan). HB 4105 would require a *rule* establishing 10-year harvest levels, thus preempting the Climate Plan, which is *not* adopted as a rule.

The bill also includes a problematic judicial review section that would make the department vulnerable to lawsuits from entities that receive revenue from harvests on state forests— an unnecessary and inadvisable risk. The state forester already sets ten-year harvest level goals that are required to be consistent with all other state forest values, policies and plans. ODF has a solid track record of meeting those harvest goals. HB 4105 is unnecessary and would impede the Department of Forestry and the Board of Forestry in balancing the forest values that are included in the Greatest Permanent Value for all Oregonians, and which are important to our state for our and our children's future.

Sincerely,
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