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HB 4105 - Set Timber Harvest Levels on State Forestland - OPPOSE

Action Items

Ask members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means and BOTH of your State legislators to **OPPOSE the Bill.**

Find Committee members [HERE](#)

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Bill Information

This bill puts managing forests for timber volume above all other forest values for “greatest permanent value,” such as for recreation, ecological services and carbon sequestration and storage. The State Forester can already set rules, but this bill would make it so that once forest level volumes are set by rule, they become law and cannot be changed without significant effort.

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Talking Points

- The bill would be a cost burden on the Dept. of Forestry at a time when they can ill afford such expenditures.
- Our forests have more value to Oregonians (recreation, carbon sequestration, clean water, etc.) than just a commodity sold to produce revenue
- The bill would undermine the Habitat Conservation Plan and the work of the Adaptive Management committee which considers balancing all the values and conditions of our state forests.

Legislative Priority

ADDRESS THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY by supporting 2017-2025 Carbon/Climate Executive Orders, net zero greenhouse gas emissions before 2050 while ensuring environmental justice with a just transition for workers and impacted communities.