



ACTION ALERT! Support SB 795

SB 795 would allow Forest Trust Land counties to determine their own economic future. Public hearing Monday - [MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD](#)

Legislators need to hear from local businesses in rural Oregon on [SB 795](#) and the importance of utilizing our natural resources to protect rural economies and benefit our citizens.

As you may know, the Oregon Board of Forestry is moving forward with the Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The HCP would reduce nearly 35% of the timber harvest in state forests and have a major impact on counties that receive and depend on timber revenue to support their local communities.

Oregon's Forest Trust Land counties face a potential loss of millions of dollars for the wood products industry which will further hurt local governments, jobs, and essential services like public safety. [SB 795](#) seeks to return these state forest lands to counties to be managed by local governments for the benefit of their citizens and economies.

A jury has already determined that counties are missing out on over \$1B in revenue due to state mismanagement of forest lands. A jury awarded damages in 2021. However, the Oregon Appeals court threw out the verdict and the Oregon Supreme Court refused to hear the case.

That's why SB 795 is needed. [SB 795](#) returns state forest lands back to the counties that want them and can manage them for the benefit of their citizens. It returns power and economic self-determination back to our Forest Trust Land counties.

A public hearing on SB 795 will be held in the [Senate Committee on Natural Resources](#) on Monday, February 27th.

[SUBMIT YOUR TESTIMONY HERE](#)

HOW TO SHARE TESTIMONY

Submit written testimony

Written testimony should be submitted to OLIS through the online Testimony Submission Form. Be sure to select the committee, hearing date and bill you are submitting testimony for. You can use this link to access the form:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Testimony/SNR/SB/795?area=Measures>

Sign up to testify

You will need to register to give oral testimony. Please use the link provided to sign up. Please plan to keep your comments brief, about 2 minutes.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Committees/SNR/2023-02-27-08-00/Agenda>

Annual Awards Dinner Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the chamber's March 23 annual awards dinner and meeting of the membership are on sale now, get your tickets [HERE](#). The annual celebration of our local business community is held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds' Community Conference Hall from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m. Chamber leadership will share the organization's activities for the past year and discuss future priorities. The evening's festivities will include business of the year honors and, of course, the announcement of our 2022 First Citizens will highlight the evening. For Roseburg Area Chamber members, tickets are \$65/person or \$520 for a table of eight. Tickets for non-members are \$75/person. Thank you to our generous member-sponsors, title sponsor [Cascade Community Credit Union](#) and corporate sponsors [Lone Rock Resources](#) and [Umpqua Insurance Agency](#), for supporting the 2023 annual awards dinner!

Save the Dates!

- 3/13 RACC March Membership Meeting Lunch—[Link to Tickets](#)
- 3/23 RACC Annual Awards Dinner & Meeting of the Membership—[Tickets on Sale Now!](#)
- 4/10 RACC April Membership Meeting Lunch—Tickets on Sale Late March
- 4/11 Business After Hours at Pinnacle Engineering—Watch for More Details!

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