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Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens and Members of the House Committee on
Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water

On behalf of the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the businesses, organizations and individuals we represent throughout Douglas County, I urge you to support HB 3103.

In its simplest terms, HB 3103 would require the state of Oregon determine and make public the sustainable harvest levels on state forestland and ensure those harvest levels are met. This vital legislation requires that the decisions related to sustainable harvest be data-driven, comprehensive, fair and transparent.

The impact of HB 3103 would make great strides towards ensuring the long-term health and sustainability of our forestland in Oregon. The lack of a modern timber inventory model to track forest conditions and guide responsible management has resulted in the absence of proper, effective forest management for too long, jeopardizing forest health and escalating wildfire risks.

The principles of HB 3103 provide both economic and environmental benefits, not just for our rural communities, but all of Oregon. Ensuring timber sales align with sustainable harvest goals supports rural timber-dependent communities like Douglas County, by providing clear and predictable timber harvests for the local timber/wood products industry and, therefore, stable employment opportunities for our citizens.

Maintaining healthy forests through effective management also helps ensure our public lands are sustained for recreation and cultural legacy, today and for generations to come. Sustainable forest management plays a significant, invaluable role in wildlife protection and climate regulation.

Lastly, HB 3103 will provide greater transparency and accountability as to how our state forestland is managed, by mandating sustainable harvest and forest management practices that protect our environment, support our local economies and enhance the welfare of our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

ROSEBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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To advocate for and be the voice of the business community in the greater Roseburg area.

To strengthen, enhance and protect our members through political advocacy, economical development, community promotion and member programs and services.