



**DOUGLAS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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David Brock Smith
Oregon State Representative
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Counties

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners wishes to express our support for Carbon Sequestration Bill – HB 4109. We feel that this will have a greater impact to overall reductions in greenhouse emissions by managing our sequestered carbon timber resources. The result will be the replanting of even more greenhouse emission scrubbing carbon sequestering forests that are far more resilient to fire and provide a better habitat as well as healthier forests for all to enjoy.


This bill may provide the ability to positively address the greenhouse gas emissions that have already been sequestered and stored as carbon within our forests, and that are being released at an ever increase rate due to wildfire, disease and decay.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands burn in the State of Oregon, creating the single largest contributor of carbon emissions, while also destroying Oregon's single best asset.

HB 4109 looks at a more holistic view of carbon sequestration of greenhouse gas emissions, looking at the diesel emissions that are sequestered by our abundant natural and renewable timber resources within our State, and how impactful they are at sequestering greenhouse gases. Oregon forests can be also be viewed as solar powered greenhouse gas scrubbers, taking CO₂ and using the sunlight to create Oxygen, with a byproduct that is one of the most sustainable and resilient materials on the planet, wood.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Gary Leif, Chair



Tim Freeman, Commissioner



Chris Boice, Commissioner