

# Skyline Rural Watch Newsline



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### HB 2656

Our neighbors have asked us to spread the word from the Oregon Small Woodland's Association

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) - There are several bills that will require OSWA's immediate attention.

HB 2656, that would change Oregon's forest practice laws on a significant portion of Oregon's private forests, will have a Energy and Environment Committee hearing at 1:00 pm in Suite D at the Capitol. The bill would restrict evenaged forest management, building roads, and using herbicides in forests tributary to any public drinking water (basically everywhere). OSWA needs to have a big presence at the hearing with many members testifying. The environmental organizations who are the creators of this bill will be there in force. Here is what the GAC recommended we do at today's GAC call:

- Engage every member to either come to Salem on Tuesday, March 12th or email their legislator with a cc to Energy and Environment Committee Chair Helm, [Rep.KenHelm@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:Rep.KenHelm@oregonlegislature.gov) or do both.
- We need as many OSWA members, as possible, at the Capitol Tuesday, March 12th for a 1:00 pm hearing.
  - Ideally we will have 40 to 50 members there.
  - Please email Jim James [jimjamesoswa@yahoo.com](mailto:jimjamesoswa@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend and I will keep everyone informed about where to meet prior to the hearing. My plan is to meet about noonish, have a box lunch, and travel to the Capitol together. Should have details ready by Friday.
  - Parking can be a challenge at the Capitol so carpooling would be helpful.
  - Gary Springer will be bringing the Starker Bus from the Corvallis area. He will leave the Benton County fairgrounds probably about 10:45 and return when the hearing is over. Email me and I will coordinate with Gary on details.
- We need all members to email their legislators in opposition of HB 2656.

Attached are talking points for HB 2656 prepared for OSWA members and FYI, one prepared by OFIC for their members. The OFIC document has a map of Oregon showing the areas that

would need to comply with HB 2656. Please email me if you have any questions.

Another troubling bill is HB 2659 that would repeal special assessments and property tax exemptions for forestlands covered by plantations or are non-forested. This bill is in the House Natural Resource Committee Chaired by Representative Brad Witt. A hearing has not yet been set, but Representative Witt but we believe he intends to have one. Like HB 2152, this bill would increase the tax burden on forestland owners. Attached are the OSWA and FYI, OFIC talking points for HB 2659. Every member needs to email their legislator in opposition on HB 2659 and cc Representative Witt. [Rep.BradWitt@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:Rep.BradWitt@oregonlegislature.gov) When a hearing is set, we will need to be there to testify similar to next Tuesday's effort.

If a member is a constituent of any of the members of the House Energy and Environment Committee or the House Natural Resource Committee be sure to identify yourself as a constituent. Attached are the members of both committees.

Thanks,

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