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Legislature Passes Forest Environmental Protection Accord

Senate Bill 1501 represents a robust agreement to protect Oregon's natural resources

SALEM, Ore. – The Oregon House has passed [Senate Bill 1501 B](#), implementing the Private Forest Accord and updating the Oregon Forest Practices Act to improve logging and forest management on private forestlands.

“This bill represents a strong agreement to support all of the value our forests provide to our state,” said [Rep. Ken Helm](#) (D-Washington County). “It protects the environment and sets a framework for the best use of Oregon’s natural resources.”

The Oregon Forest Practices Act was first passed in 1971 and establishes standards for commercial logging activities on Oregon’s forestland, including building and maintaining roads, harvesting and the use of pesticides.

During the First Special Session of 2020, the Legislature passed [Senate Bill 1602](#), which directed the Governor to mediate sessions between forest industry and conservation groups about changes to the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Those discussions resulted in the Private Forest Accord in October 2021. SB 1501 directs the Oregon Board of Forestry to adopt rules to implement the Private Forest Accord.

The bill passed the House 43-15 and now goes to the Governor for her signature.

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