



**CEDRIC HAYDEN**  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
HOUSE DISTRICT 7

March 3, 2022

Timothy G. Sekerak  
Chief Clerk of the House  
State Capitol Building, H-271  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**Vote Explanation: Senate Bill 1501-B**

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this vote explanation for Senate Bill 1501-B.

For nearly 50 years, those who are interested in using our natural resources for timber job creation and those who have been interested in shutting down all commercial activity of logging and timber have been at an endless, costly war that has damaged the livelihoods of loggers, fellers, millers, and drivers who rely on the forests for family-wage jobs.

The federal forests went first, with the near permanent end of commercial activity and subsequent mismanagement of our federal forests. Next, the Legislature locked up and killed the public obligation to log for the Common School Fund as was the goal of the Elliott State Forest when counties gave their lands to the state to manage. The last territory in this fight has been private timber lands.

The goal with Senate Bill 1501-B is to put a negotiated stop to this ongoing battle. I voted for this to protect the workers in my community. In 2020, extreme environmental groups were looking to go to the general voting population with ballot titles that would frame their intent to shut down commercial logging as helping to save the forest for future generations. The fact is private landowners are already engaged in preserving their forests for future generations. But in trying to confuse the general electorate, voters inadvertently would have most likely voted to shut down these jobs permanently.

Senate Bill 1501-B is the closest way we can to prevent the further destruction of forest jobs. In voting yes for this measure, it was not because I supported the creation of buffer zones that reduce the area of saleable timber as being the best solution to addressing the issues of environmentalists. My vote represents my ability to weigh in on this issue in the future and participate in the rule-making process from the voice of being both a logger and a legislator, should the time come when extremists seek to take more. It allows me to draw a line and defend what's left of our forests and our forest jobs.

As a small woodland owner, I am going to be negatively impacted personally and financially by this vote. I recognized that and could have voted in my own best financial interest. But I'm more concerned at this point with the financial interests of my employees, who would be totally locked out of a job by voters if extreme forest lockdown measures go to the ballot.



Having also voted yes on Senate Bill 1502, I want to make it clear for those who have misconceptions that taxpayers are paying for the tax credit to small woodland owners. The tax credits in Senate Bill 1502 that offset the loss to small woodland owners created by Senate Bill 1501-B are not refundable tax credits, meaning. It only reduces the tax liability of the tax filers who are eligible for the credit. It will not take additional dollars from the general fund to give that tax filer back more than the taxes they've already paid into the Department of Revenue.

Lastly, in this last push to protect our industry, I still maintain that our Elliott State Forest need to be open to commercial forestry, and that the weight of forest management should not fall to the private landowner. The push in SB 1546-B to further tie up our forest (and my NO on that bill) continue to be why I will work to protect our private forests for the sake of our workers, and for the sake of being able to continue to have timber industry that allows for the United States, Oregon, and our local counties, to have economic security in domestically-produced lumber.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cedric Hayden", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Representative Cedric Hayden  
State Representative, House District 7