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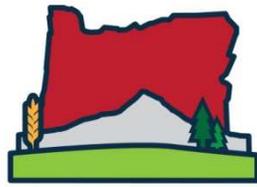
Senate Democrats Reject Common-Sense Plan to Provide Stable Funding for Education

Salem, OR - Today, Senate Democrats rejected a common-sense plan to sustainably manage timber sales on state forestlands, providing a source of ongoing, stable revenue for K-12 education. SB 804, sponsored by Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day), would require the State Forester to manage state-owned forests for profit, preventing the state from wasting rich, renewable timber resources.

"As timber harvests on state-owned forestlands decline, Oregon schools lose out on an historic source of education funding," said Senator Ferrioli. "Senate Democrats have already refused to fully fund K-12 education, and now they want to stop the responsible management of timber and leave school districts that rely on this revenue in the lurch. Instead of wasting precious natural resources that have long been the backbone of the Oregon economy, we should be investing in long-term, sustainable and responsible timber management as a key component of stable funding for Oregon schools."

SB 804 failed on an 18-12 party-line vote in the Oregon Senate.

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