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Dear House Finance Committee

I am writing to oppose bill H7243 that would fund an open ended amount of money for 10 additional forestry positions at DEM and their expensive equipment too. This is a bad idea for budgetary reasons, and also for our woodlands. There are indications of too much logging on state lands, a failure to protect our limited number of old growth woodlands, and the crashing biodiversity as habitat is lost. At this point, at the least we need an inventory of woodland resources and consideration of protecting some natural areas before DEM is given a mostly free hand to log them. Thank you for considering this viewpoint.

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