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**To:** Senator Joe Paskvan, Co-Chair  
Senate Resources Committee

**From:** Trevor Fulton, Legislative Liaison  
DNR Commissioner's Office

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**Re:** Bill Hearing Request: SB 44: SOUTHEAST STATE FOREST

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I respectfully request a House Resources Committee hearing on SB 44: SOUTHEAST STATE FOREST at your soonest possible convenience.

SB 44 adds an additional 23,181 acres of commercial forest lands to the Southeast State Forest, allowing the Division of Forestry in the Department of Natural Resources to manage this land to increase long-term supply for local processors and wood energy needs, provide near-term jobs in pre-commercial thinking, timber harvest and milling, and retain the land in State ownership for multiple uses.

Attached you will find a copy of SB 44, the transmittal letter, a briefing paper, an area map, and letters of support.

If you need any additional information, please contact Trevor Fulton, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Natural Resources, at 907-465-4730 or Chris Maisch, Director of the Division of Forestry, at 907-451-2666.

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