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**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Supporting HB 3343 Climate Test

Honorable members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment:

I am a member of 350 Salem OR, a climate activist organization. We do all we can to halt the building of new infrastructure in the state of Oregon designed to transport or process fossil fuels. We support using any investment dollars in upgrading transit, creating walkable neighborhoods and encouraging the safe use of alternative transportation to get people out of their cars.

In this vein, I strongly support the passage of HB 3343, the Climate Test Bill. It will streamline the permitting process at the state level and give weight to the entire process of the fossil fuel industry. One current example in Oregon is a proposed liquid natural gas export project in the Coos Bay area (so-called Jordan Cove). This test would give weight to the emissions of methane at the fracking source, all along the pipeline and during any liquefaction process AS WELL as the burning of the fossil fuel at its foreign destination. It will create a way to measure impacts to health and well-being of all along the entire route from the fracking fields in Colorado, all along the 232 miles of high-pressure pipeline crossing 400 waterways and destroying forests in fire-prone southern Oregon, to the constant methane flaring at the liquefaction refinery in Coos Bay. The way the permits are currently considered, agencies are required to narrowly focus their measurements in a local area rather than considering the whole long route. The Climate Test will make a huge difference.

All the points in the summary are favorable:

Directs State Department of Energy (ODOE), in consultation with state permitting agencies and federal agencies, to develop a climate test for proposed fossil fuel infrastructure projects and administer such a test on the behalf of state permitting agencies. Authorizes ODOE to establish fees. Establishes purpose of test to include 1) comparing the economic viability of a proposed project against investments required to have at least a 66 percent chance of limiting global mean temperature rise to two degrees Celsius by 2100, 2) ensuring energy decisions are guided by the best available climate science, 3) minimizing potential adverse impacts on environment and public health, 4) incorporating data from existing climate change models, 5) specifying standards and protocols using climate science to assess the direct and indirect environmental impacts of a proposed project, 6) provide standards to evaluate and measure life cycle greenhouse gas emissions of a proposed project, 7) compares costs and benefits of proposed project with alternatives to include not building the projects, 8) considering disproportionate impacts experienced by minority and low-income communities, 9) considering potential impacts on Indian tribes. Requires state permitting agency to provide notice both to ODOE and applicant regarding applicability of climate test to a proposed project. Requires permitting agency deny any application where climate test reveals greater adverse impacts that economic benefits of proposed project. Applies to applications received on or after effective date of Act.

Thank you for your consideration. Thank you for protecting Oregon's beautiful environment for all of us today and in the future.

Sincerely,

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