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Thank you for this opportunity to provide input on HB 2601. I am a retired physician scientist representing Interfaith EarthKeepers of Eugene/Springfield, an organization of multiple faith communities in our area. The science is quite clear that we are running out of time to avoid expensive disruption of our climate and environment. Pollution from burning fossil fuels resulting in increasingly costly disasters affecting all parts of our global community will inevitably affect the marketplace and the investment environment. The time frame risk of previously beneficial fossil fuel investments has not been sufficiently understood by the Oregon Treasurer, so the legislature needs to act.

During times of change, not all individuals are capable of understanding threats and reacting in time. Oregon has enough capable people to meet the changes and challenges of the 21st century. Let's provide needed leadership for our own Oregon community, as well as for the rest of the country and the world.

Thank you for this opportunity to participate in the evaluation of our state investment strategy.

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