

Dear Chair Grayber, Vice-Chairs Tran and Lewis, members of the committee,

My name is Ukiah Halloran-Steiner. I am 17-years-old, I live in Yamhill County and I am a climate justice advocate with Sunrise Rural Oregon.

I support HB 2601 because I see that **we are running out of time**.

In the past few years, I have seen my home burn around me. Climate change is here and the destruction of our planet is only getting worse. Here in Oregon, fires and storms are wrecking homes. People are dying in heat waves and farmers are losing their crops, their incomes, because of drought.

I am saddened by the state of this world, especially knowing that these intensifying disasters are directly impacted by the decisions that our leaders are making and the way that our state invests our money.

Investing in the fossil fuel industry is further worsening the climate crisis, putting communities across our state, the country and the world on the frontlines. I urge you to **stop investing in climate disasters** and **start protecting future generations**. Please vote to move forward with HB 2601.

Oregon State Treasurer Tobias Read agrees that fossil fuel investments create risk to the Oregon Treasury and that therefore, the portfolio must be “decarbonized.” I’m grateful that Treasurer Read sees the facts, but am concerned by his **lack of urgency**.

HB 2601 facilitates **how** and **when** fossil fuels will be phased out of Oregon investments. It’s imperative that the Oregon Legislature Legislative statute provides certainty and structure for a permanent, enforceable solution.

We are running out of time. Our leaders have a responsibility to look out for future generations and plan ahead to mitigate the detrimental impact of climate disasters. You are our leaders. **You have a responsibility to act**.

Please support HB 2601 to protect our climate, our state and my future.

Thank you,

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