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As a former teacher and grandmother of 6 I am deeply concerned about the effects of our climate crisis on the future of our planet and the lives of children everywhere. I believe that any efforts to discourage or end the use of fossil fuels are well-founded. We have personally divested our investments from fossil fuel companies and are very interested in seeing transparency in our PERS retirement investments. It is immoral to invest money off of anything that threatens to destroy the fabric of our ecological web of life. I envision a world where our grandchildren and their great grandchildren can thrive and enjoy clean air and water and a stable climate with a Rich diversity of plants and animals. This will not happen unless we are courageous and willing to change business as usual. This bill represents an important step in the right direction. Oregonians have worked hard to do our part in ensuring a transition to clean energy through forward thinking state legislation. We must continue to move forward to take meaningful actions to on behalf of the children we so lovingly educate. Transparency in PERS investments is an important step forward and the right thing to do. Diane Ware, Medford, Oregon