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On Behalf Of: Kalikasan Solidarity Organization

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure: HB2601

Kalikasan Solidarity Organization supports the passage of HB 2601. As a grassroots organization working in solidarity with peasants, Indigenous people, and land defenders in the Philippines, we are deeply concerned by the harmful effects of certain Oregon Treasury investments on the lives and livelihoods of millions of people in the Philippines.

Investments in fossil fuel corporations not only contribute to the ever-worsening climate crisis, but are directly linked to ongoing human rights violations in places like the Philippines. Activists who resist energy projects by fossil fuel corporations like Chevron are routinely harassed, jailed, and even killed by the Philippine government. The Philippines is one of the deadliest countries for environmental defenders in the world and this is a direct result of collusion between greedy corporations and a corrupt Philippine government.

We support this legislation to phase out Oregon's investments in fossil fuel corporations not only because it will demonstrate Oregon's commitment to addressing climate change, but also because HB 2601 will end our complicity as taxpayers funding corporations who are known to trample on human rights and environmental protections in the name of profit. As an organization standing in solidarity with the millions of Filipinos struggling for an end to the plunder of their lands, we wholeheartedly urge the passage of HB 2601.

Thank you.