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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB4083

Dear committee,

We are an environmental justice group in Portland, working to educate the public about the climate emergency, demanding that government and media tell us the truth, make drastic emissions reductions, convene citizens' assemblies to make decisions, and create a just transition to a fossil free world.

We strongly support the COAL Act (HB 4083). We need to divest now from fossil fuels and this is the first step of many we will need to take. Oregon's pension fund will be stronger when divested from this obsolete, dirty industry. Many of us in XR have family members who are (or are ourselves) PERS recipients and these pension funds should not be invested in this risky way.

The science is very clear. In Oregon, we are already feeling devastating impacts from the burning of fossil fuels and we are more protected than much of the rest of the globe. A future for the next generation demands that we reduce emissions sharply right now. No money should be invested in any fossil fuel operation. The COAL act is one small step of many Oregon will need to take to protect our beautiful ecosystems and our children's future. Please support this small step and build upon it. Margaret Butler, NE Portland