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350PDX is a grassroots organization rooted in the greater Portland metro area, with thousands of local supporters and volunteers. We strongly support HB 4044, and thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important bill. The impending Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake will cause an unprecedented amount of destruction to our community. The fact that 90% of all of Oregon's petroleum based fuels are stored on liquefiable soil along the Willamette River only makes this impending emergency a complete catastrophe. Multnomah County's October 2023 Report: Risks of Earthquake-Induced Hazardous Materials Releases in Multnomah County, Oregon: Two Scenarios Examined, outlines these dangers. We echo County Chair Jessica Vega Peterson's testimony on this issue.

We need this study so all levels of government and our local communities have the necessary data we need to plan ways to ensure safety for everyone. Please prioritize listening to the voices of community members who would be most impacted by this crisis, not industry lobby groups who are threatened by future necessary regulation. Thank you.