

February 9, 2024

Re: Support HB 4083

Dear Chair Grayber and Members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans:

My name is Steph Routh, and I live in East Portland, in HD 46. I am grateful to my representative, Rep. Khanh Pham, for championing this critical legislation alongside many of her esteemed colleagues.

As Leonard Barrett elegantly write in his testimony, with HB 4083 we have the opportunity to “accelerate the transition away from climate-warming and air-polluting coal, while simultaneously protecting Oregonians’ hard-earned retirement funds.”

I am sure we have all heard the phrase, “a budget is a moral document.” It is often-stated, but also has the benefit of being true. It is just as important to consider what we are investing in as what we are \*not\* investing in.

We need to invest in our future. And a survivable future, both for PERS and a survivable planet, is to invest in our preferred future. Please pass HB 4083.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Onward,  
Steph Routh