

Submitter: Peter Ware

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: HB4083

The Justice and Peace Ministry Team of the Medford Congregational United Church of Christ (hereafter MCUCC) would like to express our full support for HB 4083. We are a Creation Justice Church and coal has been established as seriously damaging to our environment. In addition, coal is no longer a sensible investment. In fact it is a terrible investment and the current holdings in coal should be phased out expeditiously. By halting further coal investments and phasing out existing coal investments, which are still substantial in Oregon, this bill will improve Oregon's investment performance as it already been shown to do by the state of California.

For the sake of the Oregonians who depend on the investment decisions of the Treasurer and those of the Oregon Investment Council, this action is critical. Let's protect Oregon and help protect the planet with this measure.

Thanks for your consideration of this testimony.

The Justice and Peace Ministry Team of the MCUCC.