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As a young Oregonian, I am extremely concerned about climate change and the worsening state of the environment. I am happy to live in a state that is taking strong steps to limit greenhouse gases, reduce emissions, and transition to a more environmentally friendly way of life. It only makes sense that our state finances should reflect our values, and that we should pass HB 4083 to move our state investments out of coal.

Coal emits a substantial amount of greenhouse gases. The mining process can be environmentally catastrophic and affect both soil, water, and air. The impacts on human health from coal mining and burning are well documented. And, like most issues, these impacts often fall disproportionately on lower-income communities.

It is time for Oregon to move its finances away from this industry. Doing so will show that Oregon's financial values are aligned with its environmental values, and help us continue on the path to a cleaner world. I urge you to pass House Bill 4083 this session.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.