

February 5, 2025

To: Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy and Members of the Committee
[Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources](#)

Re: [HB 5010](#) – Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Budget – Support

Legislators—

Sequestering of CO₂ in basalt is an emerging and promising pathway for reducing CO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere.

To meet the goals IPCC has set, the level of greenhouse gas removal (GGR) required will likely make GGR a \$T+ industry. Oregon could be a leader in this new \$T industry because, for one reason, Oregon is situated on top of the [Columbia River Basalt Group](#), one of Earth's largest basalt formations

I urge the committee to support this item for RD&D in basalt sequestration in the Governor's budget request.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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