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We know that the CEI Hub is extremely important to the wellbeing of Oregonians across the state as by far the majority of liquid fuels transit the hub on their way to end users.

The CEI Hub is extremely vulnerable to catastrophic damage. A significant earthquake, resulting in liquefaction of the fill on which the hub rests would almost certainly result in failure of fuel storage facilities with extreme risk of a conflagration that would threaten the whole hub, other critical infrastructure such as rail lines, pipelines, and roads. The impact on air quality would likely harm thousands. Fuel spill into the Willamette River (and from there into the Columbia) would be disastrous to the riverine ecosystem. A fire at any of the facilities, a train derailment and fire, or other triggering events could also result in catastrophe. But surely you already know that.

I urge your support for the package of bills currently under consideration that would address some of the issues and begin to plan, hopefully ahead of disaster, for mitigation of the risk and impacts of catastrophic failures of the CEI Hub.

I write in support of HB 3450, HB 2848, HB 2152, and HB 2151. Please get these over the finish line during this session. It's critical to do so.