



The Climate Reality Project[®]

PORTLAND CHAPTER

HB 2152

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chairs Grayber and Lewis, and Members of the House Emergency Management Committee,

Climate Reality Project's Portland Chapter has members who live and/or work inside the "blast zone" of the CEI hub. As an organization focused on climate justice and public health as well as a just transition to clean energy, we support near-term action to mitigate pollution and emergency-related harms to communities and longer term phase-out of dangerous combustion fuels.

So Climate Reality supports HB 2152, with the goal of ensuring that diverse geographical regions of Oregon have access to needed fuels in the event of a disaster that cuts regions off from the current reserves at the CEI hub. We appreciate that the bill is written with thoughtful attention to environmental justice and a Just Transition.

We highlight this Bill's recognition of the declining reliance on fossil fuels in section 1(1)(3)(b). We ask the committee to consider, as the language of HB3450 does, that all oils and liquid fuels can have catastrophic consequences. Biofuels such as "renewable diesel" are just as flammable and dangerous to communities as conventional gasoline, aviation fuel, and diesel, and their combustion produces every-day health harming pollution. Additionally, according to the [Department of Energy's Oregon Energy Strategy Modeling Presentation](#), the least cost scenario for Oregon requires electrification, including of trucking, with an overall reduction of all fuels.

With this in mind, we suggest an amendment to this line of text to read:

"(b) The potential for reliance on polluting combustion fuels to decline and the impact on the action plan resulting from that decline."

We support this that HB 2152 calls on the Oregon Department of Energy to develop and implement a "Diversity of Fueling Stations for Disaster Reserves" to include:

- Strategies to increase geographical distribution of disaster response fuel by region;
- Prioritized list of locations for expanded or new fuel storage;
- Consideration of community and environmental impacts;

This matters, because Emergency responders across the state will lose access to fuel if a disaster renders the CEI Hub inoperable. The bill therefore:

- Requires completion of an actionable disaster fuel security plan - building on ODOE's Energy Security Plan (2024) which identified risks, and mapped 31 "population islands" that will be cut off from fuel re-supply in the event of a CSZ earthquake.
- Requires consideration of community safety and environmental justice in selecting new or expanded disaster fuel storage sites.
- Requires consideration of declining reliance on fossil fuels as Oregon transitions to other energy sources. (We encourage expanding this requirement to consider the needed declining reliance on all polluting combustion fuels.)

Thank you,

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About The Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter

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