



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 strongly supports HB 3450, the CEI Hub Transition Plan. We thank Rep. Thuy Tran for this legislation and urge all House and Senate Members to become co-sponsors. The bill calls on Oregon Dept. of Energy to study and develop an "energy storage transition plan" for the CEI Hub to include:

- Benchmarked short-, medium-, and long-term goals;
- A risk bond study;
- Engagement of industry stakeholders, technical experts, researchers, affected community members, state and local govts. agencies, and others;
- May contract with the National Policy Consensus Center at Portland State University.

This bill is urgently needed. Oregon needs a wholistic plan that moves us from bemoaning the dangers of the CEI Hub to solving the problem. HB 3450 gives Benchmarked goals to allow for easier steps to begin sooner. Benchmarked goals can support a safe and equitable transition to renewable sources of energy by recognizing that any flammable, combustible, or toxic materials stored in the CEI Hub zone poses a danger. An inclusive planning process should ensure that all interested and affected parties will be at the table; an essential tenet of environmental justice.

Thank you,

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About The Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter

The Climate Reality Project (CRP) Portland Chapter is a local, volunteer-led chapter of The Climate Reality Project, an international nonprofit of 5 million members led by climate leader and former US Vice President Al Gore, whose mission is to catalyze global solutions to the climate crisis. Our legislative committee bases its advocacy on CRP's 5 pillars: a just transition to clean energy, zero carbon transportation, climate justice and public health, green communities, and a fair, representative democracy. climaterealitypdx.com/, www.climaterealityproject.org