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Chair Tran and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government and Veterans:

My name is Julie Wolffe and I am a Portland resident in the North Portland neighborhood of Kenton. I support the four CEI Hub bills -- HB 3450, HB 2949, HB 2152, HB 2151. My testimony today is specifically for my support of HB 3450.

An accident or earthquake at the CEI Hub will not only affect the environment and economy of our entire state and region, but will directly affect the safety and health of my family and my neighbors in the form of toxic HAZMAT releases.

Pipes that transport the fuel to the airport from the Hub run two blocks from my house and then continue along the far edge of my local park. For that reason and in case winds are blowing from the Northeast at the time of a quake or accident, I keep plastic sheeting on hand to seal up windows and doors. My neighbors and I look out for each other and I can imagine going door to door in the aftermath to see who needs what and who might have been affected by the toxic releases.

Forgive my grimness, but it is hard to not "go there" knowing that an earthquake in our region will be costly, scary, and deadly enough without the addition of hundreds of millions of gallons of dangerous liquids being stored in tanks that will fail within the city limits of Oregon's most populous city.

The four CEI Hub bills are important to Oregon. We urgently need an energy storage transition plan for the CEI Hub and HB 3450 will meet this need.

Thank you,  
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