

26 February 2025

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

My name is Dr. Walter Shriner. **I strongly support the four CEI Hub bills in front of your Committee (HB 3450, HB 2949, HB 2152, HB 2151).** I urge you to pass these bills out of Committee.

As a resident of Northeast Portland, I am in the blast zone of fuel trains heading to the CEI hub. As a resident of Multnomah County, I would be directly at risk from even the smallest spill or release at the CEI hub. As an Oregonian, I would be one of the tens of thousands forever impacted by the kind of disaster at the CEI hub forecast to occur in a seismic event.

As you are aware, the CEI hub tanks (90% of the state's liquid fuel) is located on soils that will liquify in the event of an earthquake. They are also at risk from myriad other dangers from human error, train derailments, lighting strikes or fire. Even small accidents would harm not only the residents of the area, but could forever degrade our waterways and wildlife, as well as put all Oregonians in economic harm from the loss of fuel, pollution, costs of cleanup and bankruptcy of insurance companies.

The four CEI Hub bills are important to Oregon: We need a transition plan for the CEI Hub; we need risk bonding (that is not based on insurance); we need an emergency fuels plan, and we need to expand the Seismic Risk mitigation fund.

These bills begin to address this critical issue for us all. I encourage you to support these bills, and even to make them stronger.

Our health and future is in your hands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Shriner', written in a cursive style.

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