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Thank you for the chance to comment on something that is already affecting my family's well-being financially.

We are entering a very expensive period in history, where the effects of climate change are going to have to be paid up front and soon. Right now, it looks like Oregon taxpayers will be footing the bills for fires, floods, and droughts and the related rising costs of home owning, renting, and insuring our property. We know fossil fuel companies and the banks and insurers that support them are raking in money and continue to do so despite the science linking them to rampant climate chaos. Giant fossil fuel companies that sell gas, oil and coal will only pay for their share of the crisis if we legislate it. We the people will be breathing down the necks of our legislators, asking why taxes are being raised and services lessened when those who profit from polluting, emissions-heavy industries pay nothing. This bill will help ease the situation.

I hope you will pass SB 1187 to make things fairer for the citizens of Oregon and to help persuade recalcitrant CEOs to phase out fossil fuels.