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I support this measure because I strongly support holding Big Oil responsible for the damaged caused by their business activities through the Climate Superfund Act.

Since the 1980s Superfund laws have made corporations pay for the costs their pollution causes, even when they didn't know their product was polluting.

Internal industry documents prove that for decades fossil fuel corporations did know the use of their products would contribute to climate change induced disasters, and they should be responsible for helping to clean up the resulting mess.

The good news is that the money is there to help cover the costs of clean-up, adaptation and resilience that will save lives and reduce costs in the future.

In 2023 alone Big Oil made over 172 BN dollars just in the United States. Fossil fuel industry has the money to pay for its pollution.

Without Big Oil doing its part, Oregon's citizens will pay to clean up its mess and build resilience for the future.

It's a basic rule in any home, classroom, workplace or neighborhood: make a mess, clean it up. This bill is a fair way to compensate Oregonians for climate effects of Big Oil's business.