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I support this bill. Oregon's Climate Superfund bill (SB 1187) would internalize the cost of greenhouse gas emissions by making major polluters pay for such emissions and for past contributions to climate disasters, such as the massive 2024 wildfires or the 2021 heat dome. These funds would then be used for climate adaptation and mitigation to try to avoid future climate disasters and to support communities most impacted by the climate catastrophe in our state. This bill would cost taxpayers nothing but would hold large companies to account for the harms they have caused to us all. These companies can not get away with harming innocent people and paying nothing. They do not see the damages of their labor and only see profits and that is a disservice to the people of Oregon. The committee must support this bill to hold these companies accountable and do right by the people of Oregon. If they want their constituents to keep voting for them they need to side with the people and not industry.