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I am submitting this testimony as a private citizen, a licensed Oregon Professional Engineer, and member of Professional Engineers of Oregon (although NOT writing on their behalf) who has been involved in this issue in the past. While broadly supporting the study of decentralized energy fuel storage in terms of emergency management and resilience, one essential criteria is lacking in the bill: what is the amount of fuel storage needed for each specific site and how many sites are needed? While the Oregon Energy Security Plan of 2024 is mentioned as one of the criteria (Section 1.e), can it be more strongly stated that the "Diversification of Oregon's liquid fuel storage: A screening tool" by Lars S. Hanson be referenced as the starting point for this next stage study to avoid wasting time and funds? That study provided detailed analysis of thousands of sites and established a selection criteria along with next steps to complete the site selections.

Thank you
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