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House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans
Salem, Oregon

Re: Support for HB 4100 DEQ Certificate of Financial Responsibility on Bulk Fuel Terminals

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Lewis, Vice-Chair Watanabe and members of the committee,

I strongly support HB 4100, which requires owners or operators of bulk oils or liquid fuels terminals to obtain a certificate of financial responsibility from the Department of Environmental Quality.

The Oregon Resilience Plan reported the extreme vulnerability of bulk fuel storage tanks at the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub in Portland due to the risk of liquefaction at this site which is located along the Willamette River. The financial impact caused by a catastrophic failure of those storage facilities during the next Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake would be enormous. I would urge the committee to review this report:

[DOGAMI Open-File Report O-13-09; Earthquake Risk Study for Oregon's Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub](#)

In addition, this DEQ webpage contains details supporting the need for financial risk coverage for the risk to CEI infrastructure facilities due to disasters:

[Department of Environmental Quality : Fuel Tank Seismic Stability : Seismic Stability : State of Oregon](#)

To better safeguard Oregonians, certificates of financial responsibility by bulk fuel terminals are warranted. I urge you to pass HB 4100.

Sincerely,



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