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Hello,

I'm submitting testimony in support of HB 4032, which directs the State Department of Energy to evaluate and prioritize geographically dispersed emergency fuel storage sites.

It's not a matter of if, but when. Natural disasters and extreme weather events are becoming more frequent with climate change. It's only a matter of time before a wildfire, earthquake, or another catastrophe affects the bulk fuels storage site in Portland.

If an emergency like this arises in Portland, the rest of the state will likely be cut off from fuel supplies. This will mean serious impacts to emergency services, transportation, and business.

The state should explore alternative and dispersed fuel storage across the state while considering impacts to human health and the environment.