



Date: Feb. 9, 2026

RE: Support for HB 4032 Fuels for Disaster Response

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

My name is Arjorie Arberry-Baribeault, Environmental Justice Coordinator at Beyond Toxics, an Oregon nonprofit focused on protecting frontline communities from the disproportionate impacts of climate change and pollution.

I am writing in support of HB 4032.

The Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub stores 90% of Oregon's liquid fuels, including gasoline, diesel, and oil. As natural disasters and extreme weather become more frequent due to climate change, the risk of a wildfire, earthquake, or other major event affecting Portland's bulk fuel storage site increases.

In the event of an *inevitable* catastrophic emergency in Portland, the rest of the state would lose access to fuel, significantly disrupting emergency services, transportation, and business operations.

This bill represents a critical step in preparing Oregon for potential disruptions at the fuel storage hub. HB 4032 instructs the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to study and report on emergency fuel storage sites. Developing a comprehensive plan is essential to ensure that emergency responders and recovery teams have access to fuel following a disaster, beginning with identifying suitable locations for emergency fuel supplies across the state.

Please vote YES for HB 4032! Thank you for your time and service.

Respectfully,

*Arjorie Arberry-Baribeault*

Beyond Toxics