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RE: Support for HB 4100 Financial Responsibility Regulation (Risk Bond)

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chairs Lewis and Watanabe, and Members of the Committee,

I am Arjorie Arberry-Baribeault, Environmental Justice Coordinator at Beyond Toxics, an Oregon nonprofit that works to protect frontline communities from climate change and pollution. I am writing to support HB 4100.

The principle is clear: those who cause harm must address it. This standard should apply to all businesses that may affect the communities in which they operate. While not all businesses are harmful, accidents can and do *disastrously occur*. Safeguards are necessary to protect our people and the environment, and legislation plays a vital role in ensuring these protections.

I previously submitted testimony in support of CEI Hub Bill 4032, which directs the State Department of Energy to evaluate and rank emergency fuel storage sites statewide. Together, these bills would ensure that large fuel facilities have appropriate safety and financial safeguards before operating in Oregon.

Precautionary steps are essential to prevent environmental harm. Major companies need to be held accountable and required to provide adequate funding to remediate oil or fuel spills that affect public health, safety, communities, wildlife, and ecosystems.

Supporting the bill, along with the -1 amendments, is necessary to ensure strong protections for Oregonians.

Sincerely,

*Arjorie Arberry-Baribeault*

Beyond Toxics