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

Willamette Riverkeeper submits this testimony in support of HB 4032. Willamette Riverkeeper is a nonprofit organization that works to protect and restore the Willamette River and its tributaries through habitat restoration, education and outreach, and advocacy.

Almost all of Oregon's large fuel tanks are located on the Willamette River with an astounding 90% of the state's liquid fuel located along a six-mile stretch of the river on liquefiable soil. This section of the river is within the area of the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and the fuel tanks along the river will be destroyed during a major seismic event if major upgrades are not made.

HB 4032 directs the Oregon Department of Energy to study and report on geographically diverse potential alternative fuel storage sites for storing emergency fuel reserves, an important step towards the state's fuel security. Continued progress on diversifying the state's fuel storage is necessary to avoid a major collapse during a future seismic event. While HB 4032 is a small step, it is still a step forward and is much needed.

Please support HB 4032.

Sincerely,

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