

Multnomah County Board of Commissioners



To: House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans

Re: HB 4100

Date: February 10, 2026

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

My name is Meghan Moyer, and I am a Multnomah County Commissioner, representing District 1. Unfortunately, I am testifying in opposition to HB 4100 as written and if amended by -2.

I thank the sponsors of HB 4100 and members of this committee for considering legislation to address the serious risks that the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub poses to Oregonians and Multnomah County. The Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) earthquake is expected to cause the CEI Hub to release between 94.6 million and 193.7 million gallons of hazardous materials. This is equivalent to the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill — the largest oil spill in US history.

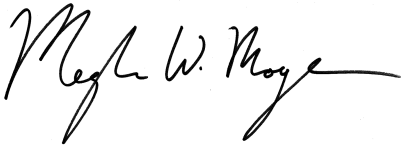
Multnomah County is passing a series of legislation to be prepared for a CEI Hub spill or release. Multnomah County's emergency and health response to this disaster would cost millions of dollars in its first year alone. We do not have reserve funds to respond to a release or spill at the CEI Hub located on the west shore of the Willamette River. This 6-mile stretch of industrial development holds 90% of all liquid fuel in Oregon.

It is clear that Multnomah County will need financial assurances from CEI Hub owner/operators that pay out immediately after a spill or release, in order to have the necessary funds for our emergency and health response. HB 4100 does not require financial assurance products that pay out upon a triggering event, in this case a spill or release at the CEI Hub. The current language in HB 4100 requires liability insurance, which will require protracted litigation. Multnomah County needs financial resources to fund emergency response when a release occurs.

Multnomah County's approach to CEI Hub financial assurance legislation will assure that financial resources are available on "day one" in the event of a spill or release. HB 4100 does not provide this assurance. Furthermore, HB 4100 preempts the County, blocking us from requiring financial assurances from CEI Hub owner/operators so we can provide emergency and health services.

I appreciate the intention from sponsors of HB 4100, however as written, HB 4100 will severely limit Multnomah County's ability to provide our emergency and health services to residents in the event of a spill or release at the CEI Hub. While the intention of HB 4100 is to help our constituents in Portland and Multnomah County, the bill, as written, will hurt residents located in the area.

I ask that you allow Multnomah County to pass our own financial assurances legislation by removing the preemption clause. HB 4100 does not address the financial needs of local governments to respond to a catastrophic event at the CEI Hub. Multnomah County must be allowed the ability to pass legislation that determines the resources needed and the type of financial assurance that would allow us to protect county residents.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Meghan W. Moyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Commissioner Meghan Moyer