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Testimony of UPNA to House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans
Support for HB 4100 - CEI Hub Risk Bonding

Chair Tran, Vice-Chairs Lewis & Watanabe, and Members of the Committee.
My name is Thomas Karwaki, and I submit these comments on behalf of the University Park Neighborhood Association Board (UPNA) as its President. University Park is a neighborhood of almost 10,000 residents including the University of Portland and its students. It is located north and slightly east of the CEI-Hub directly within the expected plume of smoke from a fire or explosion.
The UPNA Board strongly supports HB4100 as amended and urges you to adopt this bill.

HB 4100 requires the owners of liquid fuels terminals to obtain a Certificate of Financial Responsibility from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to cover the costs of fuel spills up to \$300 million. The state is the best government level to deal with this matter because of the state-wide impacts of a disruption in the supply of more than 90% of the liquid fuel in the state. This legislation is needed because the risk of a seismic event is greater than just the risk of a Cascadia event because there are several smaller active faults (one directly through and adjacent to the CEI-Hub) which would create sharp shifts rather than the waves created by a Cascadia event. It is a bill and process negotiated by the parties that helps provide the financial resources for cleaning up spills. However, as suggested by Multnomah County, it is not perfect and might need further refinement or amendment at a later date. The state and local residents need this legislation to protect their health and safety now – not sometime in the future. Please pass HB 4100 as amended.