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Re: Support HB 4032 and HB 4100-3

Dear Chair Tran and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans,

350PDX supports HB 4032 and HB 4100-3 and we urge you to pass these bills.

For over a decade, [350PDX](https://www.350pdx.org) has built a movement for climate justice in the greater Portland metro area. We have hundreds of active volunteers with a base of thousands, all who support our work to fight for just solutions to the climate crisis, and many of whom live near the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub. Oregon's Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub contains 90% of all liquid fuel used in Oregon, 100% of the aviation fuel, and 150 toxic chemicals used by Oregon corporations, yet it also sits on unstable, seismically vulnerable land along the Willamette River. An earthquake or other disaster could trigger catastrophic spills and explosions, threatening thousands of lives and irreparably damaging our water, land, and air. HB 4032 and 4100, though, have implications for all Oregonians, not just those living near the CEI Hub, so bold statewide action is imperative.

HB 4032, Fuels for Disaster Response is a crucial step toward disaster resilience for all Oregonians. Storing all of Oregon's fuel reserves in one place is not only logistically inconvenient and near-sighted, it is also dangerous and potentially deadly. There are a number of impending threats that cause need for action, such as a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, the potential for wildfires in Forest Park adjacent to the Hub, and derailment of trains or freight coming to and from the Hub. Tragic events like these could cause a powerful petroleum fuel-induced fire that local crews are not equipped to address. In all of these situations, the area around the CEI Hub would likely be inaccessible for emergency fuel coming and going, causing a crisis across the state, since other regions would be without fuel. All Oregonians — not just those immediately near the CEI Hub — need access to critical fuels in the event of a disaster. HB 4032 directs the Oregon Department of Energy to narrow and prioritize potential sites around the state where fuel could be stored for disaster response and recovery.

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We support ODOE being directed to evaluate those 201 locations based on: (a) which will support population islands; (b) which areas are already identified as highest need; (c) which are on state-owned or -managed property; and (d) which are on priority transportation routes. More work on this will be needed, including involving local communities on the narrowed list of potential sites. This planning is essential for preventing disaster for all Oregonians.

As we transition to a fossil fuel-free energy and transportation system in Oregon, these sites will become less necessary. In the meantime, it is important for all areas around the state to have access to fuel in the event of a disaster and to reduce the amount of fuel stored next to the river at the CEI Hub.

HB 4100, Risk Bonds/Financial Assurances, with the -3 amendment is needed to protect Oregon's budget and taxpayers, and fills funding gaps on the federal and state levels. We *can't* stop an earthquake, fire, or derailment, but we *can* protect taxpayers, Tribes, and the public coffers. This bill allows for multiple financial assurance instruments, and for adjusting financial assurance amounts due to industry changes and improvements, lessons learned from spill response efforts, and economic conditions. It's imperative that the companies causing such disasters at the CEI Hub be the ones responsible for costs of fuel and hazmat spill response, natural resource restoration, and third-party claims, rather than relying on Oregonian taxpayers to pay for cleanup and damages.

These bills represent forward-thinking, fiscally responsible approaches to protecting Oregonians from disasters. We urge you to support and pass HB 4032 as-is, and HB 4100 with the -3 amendment to ensure our whole state is well equipped and prepared for disasters.

Thank you for your time and commitment to safeguarding our communities. We look forward to your leadership on these critical issues.

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