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To: House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans
From: Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)
Re: Support for HB 4100 – Risk Bonding / CEI Hub
Date: February 12, 2026

Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Lewis, Vice-Chair Watanabe, and Members of the House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans:

The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) supports HB 4100 and we strongly urge you to pass this important legislation this year.

COIN is a coalition of over 75 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote progressive causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

This bill's intent is simple and commendable: reduce the financial risk to local and state governments (and thus to taxpayers) in the event of a disaster at the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub along the Willamette River. HB 4100 does this by holding owners and operators of the CEI Hub responsible for costs of fuel and hazmat spill response, natural resource restoration, and third-party claims.

Currently, some 350 MILLION gallons of fuel and other industrial chemicals are stored at the CEI Hub, which is potentially in danger of four types of catastrophes: earthquakes (Cascadia), train derailment, wildfire, and flooding. Any of these could happen at any moment, creating a human and environmental disaster. We can't prevent such a disaster from happening, but by passing HB 4100, you can help ensure that those who profit from the CEI Hub are responsible for cleaning up the mess their chemicals may cause.

The CEI Hub is a disaster waiting to happen. Hundreds of millions of gallons of toxic liquids are stored on top of silt fill that would itself liquify in the event of an earthquake. As you consider how to vote on this bill, just try to imagine what such a spill would do to the Columbia River and communities around it. It has the potential to be the largest oil/chemical spill in U.S. history.

Please vote YES on HB 4100 to protect taxpayers from having to foot the bill for such a disaster.

Respectfully,
Deborah Ferrer
On behalf of the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)