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Honorable members of the Committee:

I strongly support HB 3343, the Climate Test Bill and urge you to support this legislation for the following reasons.

- The fossil fuel industry wants to use Oregon as a gateway to Asian markets for their dirty fuels. To do so, they need to build pipelines and export terminals of record-breaking scale, i.e. infrastructure mega-projects.
- Oregon regulations do not currently consider climate when reviewing permit applications for fossil fuel mega projects – that needs to change.
- Under the Climate Test, the Oregon Dept. of Energy would coordinate all environmental permit processes, which currently are handled individually with no communication between agencies.
- Additional considerations like health impacts on environmental justice communities and impacts on indigenous Tribes are part of the Climate Test.
- Lastly, the Climate Test will examine the economic viability of a fossil fuel mega-project in a global energy economy that will limit global warming to well below 2 degrees C.
- If the likely economic benefits under the “2 degree C scenario” do not outweigh the cumulative negative impacts, the permit will not be issued.

Please continue to make protecting Oregon's environment a top priority.

Sincerely,
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