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I am Dr. Nancy Crumpacker, a retired oncologist from Portland, speaking on behalf of Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility. Thank you Chair Dembrow and committee members for the chance to testify in favor of SB 958.

I speak to the amendments to ORS 196.825.

Currently Oregon has the weakest laws on the West Coast for oil trains and terminals. This bill is a good response since it creates a review process for oil terminals on state waterways.

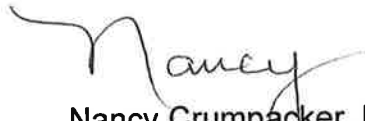
Section 1, subsection (3) (e) states, "Whether the proposed fill or removal conforms to sound policies of conservation and would not interfere with public health and safety."

Section 1, subsection (5) reads "The director may issue a permit for a project that facilitates the transportation of crude oil only if the project is for a public use and would satisfy a public need that outweighs harm to navigation, fishery and recreation and if the proposed fill meets all other criteria contained in ORS 196.600 to 196.905."

I am concerned that subsection (5) does not directly mention public health.

Given our experience with the rail accident in Mosier in June 2016, that resulted in few minor immediate health issues because the usually strong winds were not present, the legislature should be specific that immediate and future health impacts be considered. I urge you to be clear by adding "public health" to ".... navigation, fishery and recreation...." in subsection 5, page 2, line 18 regarding harm.

Vote Yes on SB 985. Consider my suggestion for a more direct statement in Section 1 (5) that our state is concerned about human health too.



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