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My name is Grace Curley. I am currently a student at Franklin High School in Portland, Oregon. I am one of the leaders of Earth Club, a club at Franklin that, over the years, has had to change it's focus from a group of individuals sharing their love of nature and being outdoors to a club focused on environmental justice. Many Franklin students are extremely concerned about the future of our state, and the future of humanity in the face of climate change. The current framework for Senate Bill SB 1530 is good, but it needs to be stronger to be effective. Without changes to the bill, it will not be enough to meet Oregon's goals for limiting fossil fuel emissions. People in poverty experience the effects of climate change stronger than most, as well as farmers and Native Tribes. All citizens deserve to be protected by their government. Unfortunately, right now, the interests of large fossil fuel corporations seem to be more important than the overall health and well being of the public. Fossil fuels have been proven to expose people to various health hazards, especially in terms of poor air quality. Moreover, the United States is one of the greatest contributors to the acceleration of climate change. As one of the fifty states, Oregon has a responsibility to limit fossil fuel dependency. We must pull our weight. It is for the good of everyone.

Please support changes to this bill to make it strong enough to address the urgency of this issue. Time is running out.

Sincerely,  
Grace Curley, a concerned Portland youth