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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing in support of this bill because as a PERS member (current employee of Clackamas County and former employee of Multnomah County) and a parent of a young child, and am highly concerned about the future both of our environment and of our financial stability if my retirement savings continue to be invested in risky fossil fuel investments that are doing harm to the planet. Climate change is already having a massive impact in my community (Portland) and across the state. From having to shelter indoors with a young child during the fall of 2020 due to hazardous air from record wildfires, to trying to keep cool during an unprecedented deadly heatwave last summer, climate change is creating extreme challenges for our communities. PERS members (and all Oregonians) deserve to know whether our retirement savings are funding the industries responsible for this crisis. This information should be publicly available, it should not be so difficult to find out where our funds are invested. I believe myself and other members of PERS have a right to know where our money is invested so that we can make informed choices and make our voices heard. Thank you.