



February 2, 2022

Senator Kate Lieber, Chair  
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
Oregon Legislature  
900 Court Street, NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: City of Eugene Support for SB 1567 and -1 Amendments**

Chair Lieber and members of the Committee:

The City of Eugene supports SB 1567-relating to energy infrastructure resilience. The City of Eugene is the location of a regional liquid fuel storage facility and distribution hub, which is in the northwest portion of our city. This area has a history of environmental concerns tied to industrial activity over the many years in the area. These environmental problems have disproportionately impacted low income communities and communities of color.

SB 1567 would support Eugene's long term and disaster resiliency, as well as directly supporting the implementation of our metro region's [2020 Eugene-Springfield Area Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan](#) (NHMP). The 2020 NHMP was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on May 5, 2020 and adopted by the Eugene City Council on June 24, 2020 and the Springfield City Council on February 18, 2020. The 2020 NHMP, supported by the [2014 Regional Climate and Hazards Vulnerability Assessment](#) (Vulnerability Assessment), specifically identifies fossil fuels as one of three crucial sectors fundamental to the maintenance and restoration of all other sectors.

SB 1567 and -1 amendments will support the implementation of Eugene-Springfield 2020 NHMP mitigation action items for fossil fuel resiliency, including: emergency fuels planning, seismic stability, and increased fuel capacity for our communities. This bill address two themes related to crucial sectors, specifically, the dependence on resources and decisions outside of the Eugene-Springfield area and a high level of interdependence among sectors.

Thank you for your time and please support SB 1567 and -1 amendments.

Sincerely,

*submitted electronically*

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