

Submitter: Adah Crandall
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure: HB4115

Committee members,

My name is Adah Crandall and I am 15 years old. On behalf of Portland Youth Climate Strike, I urge you to vote yes on HB4115, the treasury transparency bill.

As an organization of young people, Portland Youth Climate Strike is terrified about the future our generation stands to inherit. Record breaking heat waves and wildfires over the summer made it clear that we cannot afford to wait any longer to take action against the climate crisis. Its effects are here now, and will only continue to worsen without bold changes from our leaders.

Last fall, thousands of students across Oregon walked out of school and took to the streets demanding climate justice. We are angry, and we are scared. We are sick of being left in the dark as our leaders make decisions that impact our futures. We will not tolerate the treasury's ability to conceal where our money is being invested, when the implications of investing in the wrong things- funding climate destruction- are far too great, and the margin for error far too small.

Stopping the climate crisis means divesting from fossil fuels, and instead funding solutions that will help us rapidly reduce our carbon emissions. We cannot do this if we do not know where our treasury is investing our state's money in the first place. Treasury transparency is the first step towards accountability and climate action, which is why it is crucial you vote yes on this bill.

Young people are in this fight for the long run and will never stop pushing for change, but at the end of the day, our futures lie in the hands of leaders like you. We need you to think about what you want your legacy to be- will you stand with the youth as we fight for our futures, or will you continue to follow the status quo and lead us on a deadly path to climate destruction?

The choice is yours, and we hope you will do what is right.

We'll be watching.

-Portland Youth Climate Strike