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I urge you to support the Treasury Transparency Bill. My wife and I are both retired PERS members and are very concerned about the continuing degradation of our climate. We care about how our retirement savings are being invested. We deserve to know.

The effects are evident in the increasing number of significant climate disasters occurring worldwide. The summer heatwaves and forest fires have had a disastrous impact on Oregonians. I have had friends whose homes were destroyed by wildfires. Smoke from the fires has had terrible effects on the culture of the Northwest. Outdoor cultural events have been canceled. The enjoyment of our beautiful state has been compromised for everyone. Those with asthma and other breathing issues have been especially impacted by smoke from the fires.

Oregon Treasury funds should not be supporting the fossil fuel industry. It is driving the climate disaster. We must transition rapidly to clean energy sources. We demand that we accelerate the move to green technology. My wife deserves to breathe clean air. My grandchildren deserve a green future uncompromised by the greed of fossil fuel investors. It is time to begin divesting Oregon funds from fossil fuels and the first step is making our investments public.

Transparency is at the heart of Oregon's climate fight. Please pass the Treasury Transparency Bill from your committee.