

February 7, 2022

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

Chair Lieber and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express the City of Gresham’s support for SB 1567.

The City of Gresham supports state assistance in disaster preparedness and emergency management efforts. With looming threats like a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, the need for disaster preparedness and disaster mitigation resources is clear. The seismic vulnerability of our critical energy infrastructure poses a significant challenge and requires proactive planning to mitigate risk.

Senate Bill 1567 requires the owners or operators of bulk oils and liquid fuels terminals to conduct seismic vulnerability assessment and implement a seismic risk implementation plan approved by the Department of Environmental Quality. The legislation requires the Oregon Department of Energy to develop an energy security plan. The City of Gresham supports additional funding for infrastructure improvements.

Local and state partnerships must take steps to protect the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub along the Willamette River, which is a vital link to energy infrastructure. Approximately 90% of Oregon’s liquid fuel and 100% of the Portland International Airport’s jet fuel is stored at the CEI Hub. A major disaster there risks significant environmental impact, as well as an increased need for fuel for responding to the larger recovery efforts throughout the state. The City of Gresham has been working with the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization and other regional efforts in a cooperative effort to build resiliency into our emergency preparedness system.

We urge your support for SB 1567 to secure a safe and effective energy supply.

Sincerely,

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