

Submitter: Alice Shapiro

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1567

Measure: SB1567

I am in support of this bill. As a state government, it is your duty to protect the residents of this state. I live in Portland, as do two of my grandchildren. We live close enough to the CEI energy hub to suffer severe consequences, and even loss of life, when the inevitable earthquake occurs in Oregon. As you are aware, this hub sits on top of a subduction zone and on ground subject to liquefaction in the event of a quake even less severe than that predicted. Still housed in that zone are unreinforced containers storing volatile, toxic chemicals.

The potential damage is estimated to be more than \$2.6B. SB 1567 would be the first step to attempt to subvert such a disaster. Seismic vulnerability assessments would be a call to action and hopefully these assessments and the necessary follow up will occur before the inevitable catastrophic quake. There will be much carnage from such an earthquake, even without the catastrophe from the CEI. Please work quickly to attempt to mitigate the added conflagration, damage, and deaths that will occur from inadequate storage tanks sitting on unstable ground.

Passing this bill is an essential first step. The tank owners themselves, not the taxpayers, must be liable for any damage!