

**Testimony of Anneliese Koehler, State and Regional Affairs Advisor  
In Support of Senate Bill 1567  
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
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Metro is the elected regional government that serves nearly 1.7 million people in the 24 cities and three counties of the Portland metropolitan area. We provide a broad range of public services that include land use and transportation planning, solid waste and recycling operations, housing and homeless services, management of parks and natural areas, and operation of major visitor facilities like the Oregon Convention Center and the Oregon Zoo.

Metro supports SB 1567 because it helps to address our region and state's fuel storage seismic vulnerability.

Metro's 2022 Legislative Principles call for supporting efforts to improve community disaster preparedness and resilience, with the goal of enabling the Portland region to provide for the immediate needs of its residents and businesses after a catastrophic event and facilitating the region's short- and long-term recovery. By requiring fuel storage facilities to assess their seismic vulnerabilities and implement mitigation plans to reduce risks, SB 1567 takes a positive step forward in addressing the safety, environment and recovery of our region after a significant earthquake. Such a disaster would greatly impact not only the residents of Greater Portland but also the entire state of Oregon. In addition, requiring the Oregon Department of Energy to recommend steps to increase geographic diversity of fuel storage puts into place initial steps necessary to ensure that our region and state are able to recover more quickly from major disasters.

Metro urges a yes vote on SB 1567, to take a necessary and critical step forward on addressing our aging fuel storage infrastructure vulnerabilities.