

Submitter: Jim Schepcke

On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General
Government, and Veterans

Measure: HB2601

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

As the father of three I have no greater concern than for the Climate Emergency that is harming my children now and will harm them even more in the decades to come. As a PERS member I resent the fact that my pension is invested in fossil fuels that are the major source of emissions that are causing the Climate Emergency. I have tried to do everything I can to decarbonize my lifestyle. I have 26 solar panels and two electric cars and an all-electric home. But my pension is still coming partially from fossil fuel investments that I can do nothing about. I resent that! Moreover, the Oregon Treasury is putting my pension at risk by continuing to invest in a dying industry. Enough is enough! Please pass HB 2601 to force the Oregon Treasury to do what's right for the planet and right for PERS members like me.

Thank you for your service!