

Dear House Committee on Emergency Management,
General Government, and Veterans,
Chair Grayber, Rep Lewis, Rep Tran, Rep Conrad, Rep
Dexter, Rep Evans and Rep Hieb,

As an Oregon citizen and a PERS recipient, I am concerned with how our Treasury is investing. Investing in fossil fuels is detrimental to our PERS funding and thus potentially to me personally. As a state, we can lead the way with all means possible to help protect our earth from the climate changes we see in Oregon now — drought, wildfire, and heat domes.

Reports commissioned by the Treasury in 2021 and 2022 show that its fossil fuel holdings are risky and should be removed as quickly as possible. The Treasurer himself has recognized that climate change poses financial risk to the Treasury's investments, but his plan is too weak and too slow. And insufficiently transparent.

Let's support renewable energy and carbon sequestration in our forests, not fossil fuel company profits.

Please vote YES on this bill.

Thank you,

Gail M Sanford