Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2601.

I live near Florence on the coast with my wife Pat. We've been climate activists promoting solutions to our climate crisis ever since we arrived here nine years ago.

We strongly support HB 2601: The Treasury Investment and Climate Protection Act

As was said by the <u>International Energy Agency</u>, "If governments are serious about the climate crisis, there can be no new investments in oil, gas and coal, from now – from this year."

Oregon is a leader in legislation to move the state to a green future; the Treasury must stop undermining that legislation by funding fossil fuels. HB 2601 protects Oregonians' public investments and our environment.

We will continue to work at the state, county, and local levels to do our part to make our community move toward a green energy future and expect Oregon to do the same.

Thank you for your support of HB 2601. Oregon can set an example for others to follow.

Sincerely,

Michael Allen Elders Climate Action – Oregon Chapter, co-leader Florence Climate Emergency Campaign, founder and leader