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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB2601

I strongly support HB2601, the Treasury Investment and Climate Protection Act. As a former 9-1-1 dispatcher and supervisor, I recognize that we are in a climate emergency and we need take appropriate action and divest from fossil fuels now. As a PERS retiree, I have an interest in how our funds are invested. Fossil fuels will be a losing proposition moving forward. It only makes sense for Oregon to be a leader in transitioning to renewable energy sources. This bill is a straightforward way to push us into a green future.

The legislature needs to take action because the Treasury seems to have no urgency on this topic. We are continuing to invest in the past rather than the future. I also support the transparency requirements of the bill. I think PERS members and the public ought to be able to know how and where our hard-earned dollars are invested.

I am very sad that September seems to be smoke season in Oregon. Climate change is already here. The time for action is now and this bill is a step in the right direction.

Thank you for your support of HB 2601.

Sincerely,
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