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On Behalf
Of:

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

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Portland Harbor Community Coalition is grateful to the legislators for introducing HB 4044, and we strongly urge the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans allow this bill to proceed. We all know quite well that a large earthquake will come to Oregon will cause massive destruction to the environment and economy. Despite industry oppositions, please take the right action to support passage of HB404 that will allow a more comprehensive study of air exposure risks in the event of a Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub catastrophe triggered by a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. This will allow governments, businesses and non-profits to have enough data to plan strategies to ensure that the communities health and safety can be integrated into safety plans to prevent tremendous harm to people's livelihoods. All too often, the economic risks and environmental risks are considered without concern for human tolls. Let's change that trend starting with this bill. Thank you for your consideration. Signed, Cassie Cohen, Executive Director of Portland Harbor Community Coalition.