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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB4083

Dear House Committee Members,

I am a state of Oregon retiree who receives PERS. I support pulling PERS funds from any investments in the coal industry. Supporting this industry by investing our PERS funds in it is unethical. We are living in the midst of a climate crisis caused by the emissions of fossil fuels with emissions from coal being the worst in terms of overall impact. Those who work in the coal industry as miners and facility operators face serious risk of disease, injury and death. The extraction of coal from the earth has serious impacts on our natural resource base and often impacts indigenous land rights. In addition, investments in coal are not sound financial investments and will be worse investments in the future.

Please support HB 4083.

Sincerely,

Leslie Kochan