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On Behalf Of: OPAL Environmental Justice
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Measure: HB4083

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of HB 4083.

My name is Filippo Ferreira.

I strongly support HB 4083 - the COAL Act - because it aims to move our state's investments out of coal and keep our pensions and state finances safer. It sets Oregon on the path to decarbonizing its investments and combating climate change, which Treasurer Read has demonstrated a commitment to.

Coal is damaging to the environment, climate, and public health, leading to various harmful human health impacts, such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, kidney disease, mental health problems, adverse birth outcomes, impaired child development, to name a few. Further, the mining and transportation of coal disproportionately impact frontline communities.

How can we in Oregon, with our commitment to a sustainable and more just future, continue to invest in the dirtiest of fossil fuels? Let us continue our leadership in environmental progress and pass the COAL Act to preserve our treasured landscape for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Filippo Ferreira