

HB 2081-1
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Requested by Representative FAHEY

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2081**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert “; and prescribing
2 an effective date”.

3 After line 2, insert:

4 “Whereas the purpose of the Public Employees Retirement Fund portfolio
5 is to seek strong returns for beneficiaries, as per the fiduciary relationship
6 described in ORS 238.660, 293.721 and 293.726 and in consideration of ORS
7 192.355 and contractual obligations; and

8 “Whereas the expected global economic shifts due to a rapidly changing
9 climate call for investment solutions that are likely to encourage a transi-
10 tion to a net-zero future; and

11 “Whereas fluctuations in federal policy and market trends can have a
12 long-term impact on an investment strategy to address the financial risks
13 related to a changing climate; and

14 “Whereas the increasing frequency and severity of extreme weather
15 events pose significant risks to infrastructure, operations and supply chains
16 across multiple sectors; and

17 “Whereas the urgency justifies taking every possible action in the fund
18 portfolio to reduce investment risks associated with a rapidly changing cli-
19 mate; now, therefore,”.

20 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

21 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

1 “(a) ‘Just transition’ means efforts to ensure that the transition to
2 a low-carbon economy is fair, collaborative and inclusive.

3 “(b) ‘Scope 1 emissions’ means emissions from sources that a firm
4 owns or controls directly.

5 “(c) ‘Scope 2 emissions’ means emissions from the production of
6 energy used by a firm.

7 “(2) The Oregon Investment Council and State Treasurer, in the
8 State Treasurer’s role as investment officer for the council, shall act
9 reasonably and in a manner consistent with ORS 238.660, 293.721,
10 293.726 and 192.355 and contractual obligations to:

11 “(a) Actively analyze and manage the risks of climate change to the
12 Public Employees Retirement Fund, including reporting on and ana-
13 lyzing the risks of the levels of scope 1 and scope 2 emissions of fossil
14 fuel investments within the fund;

15 “(b) Analyze how the integration of climate change analysis will
16 help to achieve overall portfolio return objectives;

17 “(c) Pursue the goal of reducing the carbon intensity of the fund
18 through a preference for investments that reduce net greenhouse gas
19 emissions in order to participate in the energy transition; and

20 “(d) Provide a report, in collaboration with beneficiaries of the
21 fund, to the Legislative Assembly each biennium about the progress
22 toward an investment program that addresses the impact of climate
23 change factors on the investment portfolio, which may include, with-
24 out limitation:

25 “(A) Reporting on progress toward carbon intensity investment
26 goals as established by the State Treasurer;

27 “(B) Reporting on progress toward investing in public equity
28 holdings that incorporate the tenets of a just transition in their over-
29 all priorities and portfolio; and

30 “(C) Incorporation of pertinent advancements and methodologies in

1 measuring progress towards goals and benchmarks, recognizing that
2 the science and methods of carbon intensity measurement are regu-
3 larly evolving.

4 “(3) The Oregon Investment Council, jointly and individually, the
5 State Treasurer and employees of the office of the State Treasurer
6 shall be indemnified and held harmless by the State of Oregon from
7 all claims and damages incurred pursuant to this section.

8 “(4) Nothing in this section requires the Oregon Investment Council
9 or the State Treasurer to take any action pursuant to this section
10 unless the council or State Treasurer determines in good faith that the
11 action is consistent with fiduciary responsibilities as described in ORS
12 238.660, 293.721 and 293.726.

13 “SECTION 2. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
14 date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative
15 Assembly adjourns sine die.”.

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