

February 14, 2025

To: House Committee Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans
Chair Tran
Vice-Chair Grayber
Vice-Chair Lewis

Re: Support for HB 2151 Allowing Seismic Risk Mitigation Funds be used to fund grants or financial assistance related to fires caused by oil or liquid fuels.

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Grayber and Vice-Chair Lewis,

I support HB 2151 that seeks to allow the funds in the Seismic Risk Mitigation Fund be appropriated to provide grants or other financial assistance and preparedness efforts to address the very real risk of fire caused by oil or liquid fuels spills. This is especially important for the oil and fuel storage at the CEI hub in NW Portland, given the quantity of fuel stored there and current inadequate seismic capacity of the existing storage tanks. Such spills and fires will become an environmental catastrophe of the first order as well an enormous health risk to Portland residents.

Sincerely,



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Past Chair of OSSPAC

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