



# The Climate Reality Project<sup>®</sup>

## PORTLAND CHAPTER

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chairs Grayber and Lewis, and Members of the House Emergency Management Committee,

Climate Reality Project's Portland Chapter has members who live or work inside the "blast zone" of the CEI hub. As an organization focused on climate justice and public health as well as a just transition to clean energy, we support near-term action to mitigate pollution and emergency-related harms to communities and longer term phase-out of dangerous combustion fuels.

Our chapter supports HB 2151, with the goal of preventing catastrophic disaster and pollution. This bill expands the ways monies in the Seismic Risk Mitigation Fund may be received and used so that:

- Allows the Fund to receive federal emergency preparedness and response funds;
- Funds may be used for grants or financial assistance to local and state governments, businesses, and individuals for earthquake preparedness and response, including fires and spills.

This is important, because it

- Preserves current in- and out-flows related to the Fuel Tank Seismic Stability program (established by SB 1567, 2022) - fees paid by regulated operators flow in; DEQ draws on those fees to cover the costs of FTSS regulation.
- Allows for receipt and use of federal monies for fuel-related disaster preparedness and response. Sen. Merkley placed a \$1 million CEI Hub earmark in the 2025 budget bill.
- Recognizes that advance preparedness is as important as post-disaster response.
- Can support preparedness planning by private as well as public sector groups.

We note that this bill's implementation does not require new funds from Oregon's budget. Please join us in supporting HB 2151. Thank you,

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The Climate Reality Project (CRP) Portland Chapter is a local, volunteer-led chapter of The Climate Reality Project, an international nonprofit of 5 million members led by climate leader and former US Vice President Al Gore, whose mission is to catalyze global solutions to the climate crisis. Our legislative committee bases its advocacy on CRP's 5 pillars: a just transition to clean energy, zero carbon transportation, climate justice and public health, green communities, and a fair, representative democracy. [climaterealitypdx.com/](http://climaterealitypdx.com/), [www.climaterealityproject.org](http://www.climaterealityproject.org)