

February 27, 2025

To: House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Re: Support for HB 2151 on expansion of DEQ's usage of the Seismic Risk Mitigation Fund

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Lewis and members of the committee

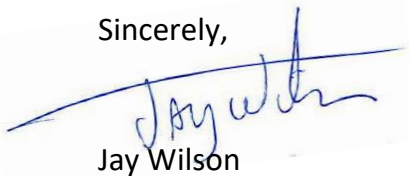
For the record, Sunday, January 26, was the 325th anniversary of the last Great M9.0 earthquake to strike Oregon in 1700. There are hundreds of millions of gallons of petroleum stored at the CEI Hub developed over decades with almost no seismic design standards in possibly the most dangerous location in Oregon, barring in the tsunami zone itself.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Fuel Tank Seismic Stability Program has a very full plate of work and will benefit from more financial support for their Seismic Risk Mitigation Fund. HB 2151 helps clarify and specify appropriate uses for these supplemental funds that can be used by DEQ to improve facility and community safety in the event of a fire, earthquake, or hazardous materials release.

As a former Chair of the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission and a local emergency manager, I support HB 2151 and urge you to pass this bill.

Thank you for your leadership and service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name "Jay Wilson".

Jay Wilson

Resident of the City of Portland and Multnomah County