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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General
Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2151

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of [BILL NUMBER], which strengthens Oregon's seismic preparedness without requiring additional state funding.

This bill maintains the Fuel Tank Seismic Stability program established by SB 1567 (2022) while allowing the Seismic Risk Mitigation Fund to receive federal dollars. With Senator Merkley securing \$1 million for the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub in the 2025 federal budget, this legislation ensures Oregon can access and deploy these resources effectively.

Expanding authorized uses to include preparedness—alongside response efforts—will help mitigate damage, save lives, and reduce recovery costs. Allowing support for businesses and individuals, not just government entities, further strengthens statewide resilience.

This is a practical, cost-effective step toward better protecting Oregonians from seismic risks. I urge your support.

Sincerely,
Stephanie