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Dear Chair Tran and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans,

350PDX strongly supports HB 2151, which expands the possible uses of money in the Seismic Risk Mitigation Fund. We urge you to pass this bill out of Committee.

For over a decade, [350PDX](https://www.350pdx.org) has been building a movement for climate justice in the greater Portland metro area. We have hundreds of active volunteers with a base of thousands, all who support our work to fight for just solutions to the climate crisis, and many of whom live near the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub. The CEI Hub has been a major aspect of our organizing and advocacy work. Those who do not live in the immediate vicinity would also be negatively impacted by a disaster at the CEI Hub due to toxic particulates causing public health damage, disruption in infrastructure and services, and damage to the river ecosystems.

HB 2151, Risk Mitigation Fund Expansion, will enhance Oregon's energy resilience, safety, and disaster preparedness. As our state faces increasing climate and wildfire risks and seismic threats, these policies offer proactive solutions to protect both people and the environment.

A major earthquake in Oregon is not a matter of *if*, but *when*. HB 2151 expands the Seismic Risk Mitigation Fund to allow state and local governments—as well as individuals—to access grants for earthquake preparedness and response. Investing in these preventative measures now will save lives, reduce infrastructure damage, and minimize economic fallout when the next disaster strikes.

This bill represents a forward-thinking, fiscally responsible approach to protecting Oregonians from preventable disasters while advancing climate resilience. **We urge you to support and pass HB 2151 (and the other 3 CEI Hub bills - HB 2949, HB 2152, and HB 3450) to ensure our state is well equipped and prepared for any upcoming disaster.**

Thank you for your time and commitment to safeguarding our communities. We look forward to your leadership on these critical issues.

Thank you,

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Building the climate justice movement.