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On Behalf Of: Divest Oregon  
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB681

Dear Chair Meek, Vice-Chair McLane, and Members of the Committee,

I write to you today to express my support for SB 681, the Pause Act. As a PERS member, union member, public health professional and social worker, I am deeply concerned about the impacts of fossil fuel driven climate change. The Pause Act is a common sense step to protect our PERS retirement funds from being invested in an industry that is literally killing us and creating instability at home and abroad. The Pause Act calls for no new investments in the fossil fuel industry for only 5 years and there are plenty of alternative investments that are safe and secure.

Now is the time to act to protect our future. Please pass SB 681 today.

Sincerely,  
Beth Poteet