

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of SB 681.

I am a college student attending Willamette University in Salem and studying Environmental Science. I've lived in Oregon my whole life and care a lot about our state's environment. Private investments in fossil fuels are not a stable, reliable investment. I expect our state Treasury to invest responsibly and with future beneficiaries in mind. I am very concerned about climate extremes – and the economic impact of climate extremes. Our Treasury can choose sustainable investments that protect the portfolio and the planet – not fossil fuels, not predatory private investment firms, and not companies that greenwash the environmental impact of their activities. I expect the Treasury to make investments that are consistent with Oregon state energy goals. Oregonians are all too tired of drought and wildfires, and want the Oregon State Treasury to protect its citizens.

The Pause Act simply calls for no NEW investments in the fossil fuel industry for 5 years. A small ask! There are plenty of alternative investments that are future oriented.

The extreme weather has hurt me and my close family and friends. Doing anything possible to reduce its effects is extremely important to me. I want to live in a state that invests in the future to keep us healthy and safe, not one that clings to harmful practices that destroy our planet.

Please vote the Pause Act out of committee. Thank you for your support of SB 681.

Sincerely,  
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