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Presently, Oregon taxpayers must pay all the costs of pollution even though fossil fuel companies dump the chemicals in our water and spew toxic gases in our air. They're making billions in profits and then leave it up to us to clean up their mess. Fossil Fuel companies should finally start to pay their part of the costs. This bill only focuses on the very large companies, the worst offenders and polluters of oil, gas and coal in Oregon. They will be required to pay recompense for the damage and countless lives they've harmed and ruined. The health impact alone should cause an outrage; as millions of people across the USA (and especially those that share our space in Oregon and it's borders) suffer from air quality diseases like asthma and COPD.

You'll read many opposing opinions that will attempt to convince you that we need these polluting companies to sustain our economy. They spend millions of dollars just to lobby congress not to do anything. At what price are we willing to justify their greed? Please support this bill. In a sane world justice would be much more than fines and fees. This is an import beginning. These greedy and apathetic companies only understand when it's their pocketbooks being affected. Maybe then they'll start considering the cost of doing business when the harm they inflict upon Oregonians and their families costs them something more than the costs of doing business.