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SB 1187 will have significant benefits to Oregonians, requiring large oil, gas, and coal companies to pay for the climate adaptations and resilience projects critical to our state and saving everyday citizens from footing the bill on their taxes. Without the bill, Oregon taxpayers pay the costs of climate change while fossil fuel companies profit off of destroying our environment and harming our communities. Funding from the bill will support the frontline communities most impacted by the climate crisis in Oregon and help make our state more resilient to wildfires. This is particularly critical for rural communities like Yamhill County which are heavily reliant on agriculture and with the increased vulnerability of rural homes. The climate crisis is a pressing public health issue, and resiliency for heat waves and wildfire smoke are especially critical for protecting medically vulnerable communities, including older adults, young children, and those with disabilities. The inclusion of the Oregon Health Authority in the interagency response established under SB 1187 is an additional, critical need for protecting our communities.