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SB 1541 is essential to wild fire mitigation and help for rural and poor areas most impacted by fires and climate disruption. Like the very successful outcomes from a tax on large corporations in Portland for their Clean Energy Program. It's to make polluters pay for the long term damage done by their fossil fuels. Using Best Available Science, experts determine which fossil fuel firms to target (likely only the largest 4 or 5 companies in the world) and estimate which companies produced in excess of a billion tons of carbon pollution from 1995-2024. (Not NW Natural Gas). In addition it:

- Establishes a Climate Superfund Account funded by largest carbon emitters
- Requires payments in proportion to amount of coal, oil and gas burned
- Funds will be used for a climate resilience implementation strategy
- 30% of funds will be allocated to wildfire prevention
- 40% of remaining funds to assist highly impacted communities (poor and rural communities)

The industrial fossil fuel complex has pulled the strings to pollute our air and water for too long with no accountability for the damages. It is time they paid a fair share of the impacts on all of us by their knowing harm to the Common Good.