

Submitter: Jessica Campbell
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or SB1541
Topic:

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jessica Campbell, and I am an Oregon mom, artist, and educator. Through my children's music project, Jessa Campbell & the Saplings, I work with young people and schools across our state, using music and storytelling to help children understand ecology, climate responsibility, and their relationship to the natural world. One of the simplest lessons I teach is this: when you make a mess, you clean it up. That's why I strongly support the creation of the Climate Resilience Superfund.

Large, out-of-state fossil fuel companies have profited for decades while contributing directly to the climate crisis, yet Oregon families and local governments have been left to shoulder the costs of the damage. From wildfire smoke that keeps our kids indoors to polluted waterways that threaten public health, communities across our state are already paying the price. As a parent, I worry about the future we are leaving our children. As an educator and artist, I see how deeply kids care about the land, water, and wildlife they call home — and how confused they are when adults fail to act with the same responsibility we ask of them. For too long, Oregonians have footed the bill while fossil fuel companies rake in record profits. That is neither fair nor sustainable. SB 1541 is an opportunity to shift the burden off families and communities and place responsibility where it belongs: on the corporations that caused the harm. I urge you to pass SB 1541 and take a meaningful step toward protecting Oregon's people, environment, and future.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,
Jessica Campbell Portland,
OR Mom, Artist, and Educator, Jessa Campbell & the Saplings