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To me, the first reason for government to exist is to maintain rules to protect the resources for life which are not divisible. Air, other gases, and water and other liquids go where they will go. When they are misused, mismanaged or polluted, ill effects are difficult to control and costly to clean up, if even possible. Prevention costs too, but it's more likely to avoid irreversible health problems and damage to wetlands, aquifers, . I lived in the San Francisco Bay Area when a PG&E gas pipeline that had not been maintained properly blew up in San Bruno. That didn't have to happen but they didn't spend the dollars to prevent it, or the loss of life, property and function. Because fossil fuel corporations and investors are allowed to pass the cost of mistakes and accidents, however predictable, on to public entities, they aren't incentivized to prepare for and prevent disaster. That really has to stop, and it's reasonable for government to step up to give them that incentive with the Climate Resilience Superfund. I now live across the Willamette River from the CEI Hub. I was only vaguely aware of the function and varied condition of Hub facilities when I moved here. It was not top of the amenities advertised in real estate ads, imagine that! While that is not the only environmental cauldron awaiting a mishap, it's a set-up for a massive catastrophe which I wonder if I would survive. Corporations involved there do not show serious intentions to upgrade facilities. They rely on inaction by regulators while they draw profit rather than spend the necessary for preventive work... and their investors won't look kindly on the corporation paying for something without a clear monetary incentive. The climate is changing and we have no Planet B. We have to take care of the one we have rather than let investors extract whatever they can with no responsibilities. therefore I support SB 1541, the creation of the Climate Resilience Superfund.