

PLEASE VOTE YES FOR HB 1541 – THE OREGON CLIMATE RESILIENCE SUPERFUND

What a simple concept: pay for the mess you make or the damage you do.

Most of the rest of us are subject to this basic rule. Why have our nation's biggest polluters been exempt from it? Because they have money. And we all know they use it to influence legislation that protects them from the rules the rest of us must follow, so they can make even more money and buy even more influence.

If anyone doubts that this is true, they are either part of the scam or are seriously gullible to the lies we are being told. We must face the truth if we want to survive.

Climate change is real. It is, year-after year, decreasing our snowpack in Oregon, setting the stage for drought, for wildfires, for crop failures, for pest infestation in our forests, for heat domes that cause death, for increased energy costs to cool our homes in longer hotter summers, for erratic weather patterns.

The burning of fossil fuels is the primary cause of climate change. And fossil fuel companies have known this for decades, yet they continue to use their unmatched resources to convince the naïve public that such is not the case. But it's worse: not only do they deny responsibility, but they encourage and manipulate our federal government to allow and subsidize even more oil and gas extraction and then encourage and manipulate consumers to buy and use more of their products.

For Profit. Enormous, Obscene Profit. Meanwhile, taxpayers foot the bill for cleaning up after another climate change disaster or whatever small mitigation efforts are being made at the local and state levels.

Please join with Vermont and New York which have already passed Climate Superfund laws, and a dozen other states that are introducing bills this year to create climate superfunds and end polluter welfare in 2026.

It's time for lawmakers everywhere to force the fossil fuel industry to clean up its act. Pass HB 1541 and Make Polluters Pay.

Sincerely,

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