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Re: Support HB 1541, Climate Resilience Superfund Act

Dear Chair Golden and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire,

350PDX is a nonprofit organization with thousands of members around the Portland area. We connect, train, and activate Portlanders to fight injustice and create bold, equitable climate solutions. We strongly support SB 1541, the Climate Resilience Superfund Act, which would bring in billions of dollars to Oregon's budget without burdening taxpayers. This is incredibly important, since taxpayers are already having to pay for the impacts of climate change, but our budget is not able to keep up with these increasing expenses.

The idea of holding big polluters accountable for the damages they have caused is common sense, and as such, national polling of likely voters shows this is a popular idea across various parties and demographics.¹ As expert testifiers shared in the SB 1541 hearing, multinational fossil fuel corporations who emitted at least a billion tons of CO₂ equivalent from 1995–2024 can afford to pay for the damages to Oregon, and they would not pass the cost on to Oregonians.

Fossil fuel companies have known since the 1950s that their products are causing air pollution that is not only harmful to human health, but causes climate change leading to a warming planet.² The science is not in question, it has been understood for the entire lifetime of the Baby Boomer generation. It is time for these companies to be held accountable for the damage they knowingly caused, and to help put us all on a path toward a sustainable future.

We know that extreme weather, wildfires, and droughts are already costing Oregonians millions of dollars each year. A Climate Resilience Superfund could help us not only pay for the damage people are experiencing, but also engage in mitigation efforts to reduce our state's contribution to climate change. We can prepare for climate disasters

¹ "Voters Report Rising Climate Impacts and Strongly Support Making Polluters Pay," Data for Progress, September 15, 2025, <https://www.dataforprogress.org/blog/2025/9/15/voters-report-rising-climate-impacts-and-strongly-support-making-polluters-pay>.

² Oliver Milman, "Smoking gun proof: fossil fuel industry knew of climate danger as early as 1954, documents show," *The Guardian*, January 30, 2024, <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/jan/30/fossil-fuel-industry-air-pollution-fund-research-caltech-climate-change-denial>.



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through home hardening, and we can ensure that more Oregonians can participate in emissions reduction through installing heat pumps and other zero emissions technologies.

Each year, organizations like ours come to you with exciting ideas for what we could do as a state to reduce our impact, develop natural climate solutions, and make it possible for those on the front lines of climate change to have access to the resources they need to thrive, and we are often told it is not in the budget. These are essential needs that are only going to become more costly.

By passing SB 1541 this year, we can begin to prepare for a livable planet that we can feel proud to hand over to future generations.

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