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Before the Joint Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development

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### Cascadia Seismic Event is a Homeless Multiplier

Conventional “wisdom” that the inescapable Cascadia catastrophe is 50 years in the future contradicts best science and math. Failure to recognize the near term threat is the consequence of poor science reporting and inability of policy leaders to recognize it as such. The Subcommittee on Transportation must recognize the risk to fuel distribution and the consequence to the state economy when fuel logistic infrastructure fails. Multnomah Democrats see a need for an Oregon fuel energy security strategy.

<https://multidems.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Draft-Energy-Security-Strategy-20May23.pdf>

We note that the Legislature has not acknowledged the need for investment in seismic infrastructure to defend public safety and durable fuel distribution.  
[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/rayfield/Documents/Oregon%20Legislature%20Announces%20More%20Than%20\\$4%20Billion%20Public%20Safety%20and%20Accountability%20Budget%20Framework%20for%20A%20Safer%20Oregon.pdf](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/rayfield/Documents/Oregon%20Legislature%20Announces%20More%20Than%20$4%20Billion%20Public%20Safety%20and%20Accountability%20Budget%20Framework%20for%20A%20Safer%20Oregon.pdf)

Relevance to HB 3395: Low

Relevance to Transportation and Economy: Very High