The COAL Act
Clean Oregon Assets Legislation

Oregon Treasury invests at least $1 BILLION in coal*

Oregon’s public equity coal investments have underperformed in the past 10 years*

Coal...
- is a dying industry
- has declining value over time
- pollutes and is harmful to health – low income and people of color are most likely to be impacted

Oregon started phasing out coal as a power source in 2016.

California SB 185 mandated coal investment exit in 2015. CalPERS estimates a positive impact of $598 million in the first 6 years.

An increasing number of financial institutions are exiting from coal to avoid stranded assets

2024 Legislation
- Phase out coal investments according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change guidelines
- No new coal investments
- Report on the phase out of coal and its economic benefit

This legislation aligns with the Oregon State Treasury’s fiduciary duty to protect PERS members’ retirement funds.

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Example of Oregon Treasury Coal Investment: Worst of the Worst

The Oregon State Treasury invested over half a billion in private funds set to acquire the Gavin coal power plant in 2016, after California voted to stop investing in coal. The Gavin coal power plant was recently rated one of the **top 10 worst US climate polluters** by the EPA. The plant poisoned the town of Cheshire, Ohio...to the point where Gavin paid the residents $20 million to abandon their community! After the Treasury's investment, the Gavin plant’s emissions **increased**. A 2021 Institute of Energy Economics and Financial Analysis report stated the Gavin investment is a serious **financial and environmental risk**.