

Chairman and committee members;

I am Richard Jolly, Weston, Oregon, President of, and speaking for Blue Mountain Alliance.

We have submitted written testimony from us and our legal counsel.

It its current form SB-258 should not be referred out of committee or recommended for approval.

It would exempt power projects revised through an amended site certificate revised through an amended site certificate from complying with current local regulations at the time of the amendment.

Oregon has maintained a strong statewide program for land use planning and the backbone of this plan is only as good as the city and counties have been in following through in their comprehensive plan and the ordinances needed to put the plan into effect.

SB 258 would disregard the statewide planning goals,

The local rules and ordinances have taken years to be where they are today and to add or change existing ordinances also takes years and should be applied when they become law.

There are many differences in energy facilities, natural gas, solar, hydro, wind, etc.

As for wind developments, we have given up the requirements for a determination of need for the generation facility and transmission lines. We have also given up requiring an environmental impact statement to do wind generation development.

The state sited projects require yearly bird counts from 3 to 5 years. Umatilla counties rules require yearly bird data for as long is the project in running. This makes sense so that we could study the cause if there is a change, be it migratory pattern or drop in population.

Cumulative effects data is non-existent per say regarding avian death counts. And the state is not looking at all of the associated impacts of the cumulative effects.

We all want to be as green as we can be. But at the same time we shouldn't throw out the reason and proper planning.

The state of Oregon has a law in place for no nuclear power. This was brought about by the Trojan Nuclear Facility because of poor planning.

The Department of Energy seems to be taking us down this path again when their amendment process allows for a project to more than double its size.

The Department of Energy wants to take away the local ordinances that protect the citizens living there.

Thank you.