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Dear Representative Vega Pederson:

I write to oppose passage of House Bill 3445, a bill to establish a task force to study nuclear power.

I regret that I only learned of this bill two days ago and am not able to come to the hearing today to testify in person, as I would normally do on such a vital subject.

Two reasons for my opposition:

1. We do not need to study this incredibly dangerous technology. Oregon law bans commercial nuclear power plants unless an effective and safe waste repository is established. I will not lengthen this email by citing the numerous studies showing nuclear power's inherent dangers and harm. Simply I'll refer to the foundational and current work on health effects by Dr. Helen Caldecott, Dr. Jeanette Sherman and Dr. Chris Busby. Numerous other studies show that the delivered price of nuclear-generated electricity has soared above safer alternatives. And national policy has not succeeded in establishing a proper waste repository.

2. Spending taxpayer dollars on this technology is wasteful when we should be pursuing the safer more cost-effective technologies such as conservation, energy efficiency, wind and solar. Further, moving ahead with nuclear is a waste of time and political capital.

Although this appears an innocuous proposal — simply establishing a study process — it is step one in a Republican move to bring nuclear back to Oregon.

Please do not allow this bill to move forward: it lacks the required fiscal impact statement and budget statement; it even has no staff summary.

Please consider this testimony on HB3445 and enter it into the record.

Thank you

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