

Chairman Beyer and other committee members:

Please consider my comments concerning SB 1519 and SB 1537. I am in favor of both of these bills. It is important that the rules and public opportunity for input be better established.

I have followed the activities of the Energy Facilities Siting Council for several years and am disappointed at the new rules that have been established and the process that gives little opportunity for public comment. This is especially concerning, because in my opinion, the rules have all tended to favor the facility applicant and make site applications quickly approved. This trend appears obvious.

The creation of an Energy Commission and moving the policy and rules to that group should make the creation of rules that are more in balance with the Agency, applicant and the public. The paragraph in the bill below is very good:

"Except as provided in ORS 183.335 (5), the commission shall cause a public hearing to be held on any proposed rule or standard prior to its adoption. The hearing may be before the commission, any designated member thereof or any person designated by and acting for the commission."

Respectfully,

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