

Hello,

I am contacting you to request that the committee reject this bill and move on to legitimate matters. A 33 year old trash incinerator will continue to become more costly to operate, and citizens should not be required to cover the costs of maintaining an aging trash incinerator. Renewable energy credits are meant to encourage the growth of clean energy production such as wind and solar.

Trash incineration is extremely hazardous for those who live anywhere in the area, and overall contributes to pollution significantly in Oregon. The release of dioxins, which are cancer causing, is significant; as well as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides and sulfur oxides. These elements in the air are particularly damaging to the health of the elderly, as well as babies and young children. They also wreck havoc on the quality of life for anyone who already has a respiratory condition; and in places with a high concentration of these elements (related to things like the presence of trash incinerators as one example) tend to have higher rates of people with respiratory conditions such as asthma.

Do what's right for citizens in Oregon and reject this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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