

3/8/2021 – House Bill 2814

I oppose HB 2814; Oregon has other more pressing matters than indirect pollution from mobile sources in parking lots and structure in the management of parking supply at the federal level. Federal law, 42 USC 7410; State may include implementation plan for Indirect Pollution for Federally assisted highways, airports and other major federal assisted indirect source pollution source means; facility, building, structure or real property by way of federal sharing of resources with states. The matching fund bait of federal money to the state looks good on the balance sheet though, right?

U.S. properties, U.S. responsibility, but instead government tells us 'We the People' have to change, finance and do better when it comes to pollution. The one federal agency example; U.S. Armed Services consumes a third of all petroleum products refined in this country. Military employees: 1.3 million active duty, 70.6 million Other Country Deployment, and 800,000 civilian employees; has a 2020 budget of \$146 billion for military hardware that pollutes our lands and lands around the world. Many bases whether decommissioned or not have polluted ground dumpsites and/or land contaminated with chemical fire suppression foam. That is not counting how much U.S. Armed Services pollutes with artillery, bombs, and experimentation of weaponry that can annihilate countries with an order or press of a button. So when the government gives the speech that citizens are to blame for climate change its not comprehensible given that government has done far much more damage to earth than all its citizens put together. I could list off pollution sites in the NW, but Legislators you only have to look upstream of the beautiful Columbia River Gorge to find the dirtiest kept secret in the NW. Hanford Nuclear Reservation (nice name, like where the glow in the dark wildlife live) where the atomic bomb was engineered under the code name the Manhattan Project so the U.S. could destroy two Japanese cities. The spoils of radiation are seeping into the land from compromised storage facilities and sending the Hanford nuclear hazardous radiation waste closer and closer to the beautiful Columbia River. Hanford scientists also thought it was a good idea to release nuclear generated steam to experiment on the people of the NW. Are we on a crash course, the world already consumes 170% percent more than the 100% the earth is able to produce in a year. People have so much consumerism glut they have to rent storage units because they don't have room to store it at home – the Billionaire Storage Units Matriarch loves these people. Nope never hugged a tree, but can't live without Oregon greenery west of the Cascades. I have been an advocate for Columbia River basin for 20+ years and intend to keep telling all that will listen, what a precarious environmental state of affairs of the NW.