

Subject: HB 2215

Date: February 13, 2023

Position: Oppose

To the Oregon House Committee on Energy and the Environment

Chair	Representative Pam Marsh
Vice-Chair	Representative Bobby Levy
Vice-Chair	Representative Emerson Levy
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Member	Representative Ken Helm
Member	Representative Jason Kropf
Member	Representative Virgle Osborne
Member	Representative Mark Owens
Member	Representative Khanh Pham
Member	Representative Kim Wallan

To the Chair, Vice Chairs, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for holding this hearing on HB 2251. I urge you to oppose this bill and not pass it from this committee.

While I applaud innovation, sometimes ideas become separated from the harm they cause, and from the problems they attempt to solve. Expanding nuclear interests at this time causes unnecessary ongoing harm and does not solve pressing, urgent problems.

My three key concerns, of many:

- **The risks are not justified**--the technology cannot be deployed in time to make a claim that the risks are mitigated by the urgent need for clean power.
- **The waste issue is unresolved.** Generating more nuclear waste amounts to generational theft, we are destroying the peace and health of future generations for desired short gain in this our single lifetime. We consign thousands of generations of children not-yet-born with the labor of caring for waste we created for our own profit. The manufacture of waste for someone else to clean up and deal with must stop.
- **The project robs resources from real solutions.** We need to transition to a clean, just economy with all speed. Nuclear development is not fast enough to help us, and will siphon essential resources from the projects that will.

I oppose this bill.

Thank you,
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