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HB 2623 Ban on Hydraulic Fracturing

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Chair Helm and members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment,

I support HB 2623 to ban fracking (hydraulic fracturing) in Oregon. In written and oral testimony others have addressed the dangers of fracking and pointed to areas of the Willamette Valley, Southern Oregon coast and Eastern Oregon where there is a potential to employ fracking.

In addition, I want to express concern about the exemption for existing coal bed methane extraction wells. Although to my knowledge there are no active such projects at this time, there have been several efforts to explore coal bed methane even as recently as last year. While, as I understand it, these efforts involved conventional drilling methods, the possibility to use fracking was raised as well as the possibility for drilling new wells. I urge you to reconsider the exemption for existing coal bed methane wells.

Thank you.