

May 12, 2019
Senate Rules Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem OR 97391

I am writing as a citizen in strong opposition to SB 451. I am not a technical expert on this subject but someone who is very concerned about Oregon's future along with the future of the planet. We must do everything we can as quickly as possible to combat the many threats a changing climate poses for us.

The process of incinerating municipal and hospital waste, anthropogenic or biogenic, is in no way renewable and it seems very unfair to those energy sources such as solar and wind to even think of allowing incineration to qualify for the benefits of "renewable". Others will provide the technical and scientific reasoning which I have read but cannot articulate as well as specialists.

This small issue makes very little difference to Covanta as they did not even bother to meet a deadline to qualify as renewable. The amount of money they might gain is trivial compared to their enormous annual profits (which largely leave Oregon) without the credits.

The Covanta Marion incinerator also emits other toxins besides greenhouse gasses which unfortunately contaminate the air, as is often the case, for a relatively poor and underserved community. Were the facility located in south or West Salem it would long since have shut to make way for a cleaner, greener facility.

Please let SB 451 die in committee and work hard to preserve the Oregon we love for our children and grandchildren - our air, our water, our land, our soil.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
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