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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2215

I oppose HB 2215 because we must maintain the requirement for safe storage of high-level radioactive waste before nuclear power plants can be built.

In 1980, Oregon voters rejected nuclear power because there was no safe way to store the dangerous radioactive waste generated by nuclear power plants. Now, forty-three years later, there is still no way to safely store radioactive wastes. We only need to look across the Columbia River to the waste mis-management at the Hanford nuclear site to see the long term problems from nuclear power. All nuclear power plants, large or small, generate toxic waste that lasts many generations.