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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2038

Good morning Chair Lively Co-chairs Gamba and Levy,

My name is Laura Feldman, I was born and raised, and currently live in District 2 in Portland, downriver from Hanford. I have served on the Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board since 2018, leaving at the end of this month.

I don't understand this bill as Oregon Department of Energy's Safety & Resilience office oversees many aspects of the nuclear energy puzzle such as:

#### Radioactive Materials

- Radioactive Waste Disposal in Oregon
- Radioactive Waste Disposal in Oregon: Enforcement
- Radioactive Materials Transport
- Naval Nuclear Transport
- Lakeview Uranium Sites
- Trojan Nuclear Site Spent Fuel Storage

Should ODOE take on USDOE's job of finding that deep geological repository accepting high level nuclear waste like the 36 casks of spent high level fuel rods from the Trojan site sitting on the banks of the lower Columbia, 40 miles from Portland, still waiting to be moved and buried in this repository--or are we talking about consent-based siting for consolidated interim storage, USDOE's solution to burying nuclear waste for which there is no safe disposal, here and there and everywhere in lieu of finding that deep geological, "safe" depository, out of sight out of mind?

Directing ODOE's oversight and budget to include finding waste dumps for private corporate SMNR waste, USDOE's job, would be dangerous and grossly irresponsible. Many changes in infrastructure and budget would need to happen, and I don't think limited state resources should be used in this way. This is a way of saddling taxpayers with yet more of the costs and risks of living with and burying this waste in their backyard so to speak.

I strongly urge the committee to oppose this bill and focus rather cleanup rather than proliferation of new nuclear wastes for which there is no safe disposal site.

Thank you.