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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB215

Hello Oregon Legislator,

Please vote NO at all possible stages for SB 215 and SB 216.

I write as a retired Professor of Environmental Science who taught courses focused on Sustainability, including the substantial negative implications of Nuclear Power and the long term hazards posed by the nuclear waste associated with that energy technology

It is fundamentally UNETHICAL TO CREATE MORE HIGH-LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE for which there is no present repository as required by the wise vote of Oregon's electorate in 1980. That vote wisely put into Oregon Law the following provisions:

It enacted a law providing the following important provisions:

ORS 469.595 Condition to site certificate for nuclear-fueled thermal power plant.

Before issuing a site certificate for a nuclear-fueled thermal power plant, the Energy Facility Siting Council must find that an adequate repository for the disposal of the high-level radioactive waste produced by the plant has been licensed to operate by the appropriate agency of the federal government. The repository must provide for the terminal disposition of such waste, with or without provision for retrieval for reprocessing.

ORS 469.597 Election procedure; elector approval required. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 469.370, if the Energy Facility Siting Council finds that the requirements of ORS 469.595 have been satisfied and proposes to issue a site certificate for a nuclear-fueled thermal power plant, the proposal shall be submitted to the electors of this state for their approval or rejection at the next available statewide general election. The procedures for submitting a proposal to the electors under this section shall conform, as nearly as possible to those for state measures, including but not limited to procedures for printing related material in the voters' pamphlet.

(2) A site certificate for a nuclear-fueled thermal power plant shall not be issued until the electors of this state have approved the issuance of the certificate at an election held pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

PRESENT SAFE TECHNOLOGIES ARE AVAILABLE THAT AVOID THE HAZARDS OF NUCLEAR POWER !!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR NEGATIVE VOTES ON THESE DANGEROUS BILLS !!!

Sincerely yours,

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Retired Professor