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I support prohibiting this kind of facility in our state. Chemical recycling of plastic takes fossil fuel-based product, breaks it down in an energy-intensive process, and produces a fossil fuel that will be burned again. This produces 3 tons of CO2 for every ton of plastic because it's such a high-intensity, low-output process.

Chemical recycling also has intense health impacts because the process releases toxins into the environment as air emissions, byproducts, and residues, on top of the toxins already inherent in plastic.

A facility like this would harm our communities, our children and their children. It's not in keeping with Oregon values. We should reduce our use of plastic because we understand there's no good way to recycle it without devastating impacts to human health and the environment we depend on to live.