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RE: Public Testimony, SB 990 - "Exempts small modular reactors from certain siting restrictions that apply to nuclear-fueled thermal power plants."

To Oregon State House Committee on Energy and Environment,

Nuclear power has a record: 3 Mile Island, Chernobyl, Fukushima, and now the collapse at Hanford, much too close to us. We know that no matter what the engineers promise, it isn't safe and no human can make it safe. At Hanford, they've been trying for 50 years to dispose of the waste, and still it comes back at them.

Oregon voters 30 years ago passed a very wise initiative: that there would be no new nuclear plants in Oregon until there was a safe waste disposal system, and even then it would require a vote of the people. Hanford just proved that there is no safe waste disposal, and there can't be. And it still makes sense for the people to have a vote. We fought a Revolution for that.

This bill would allow a city or county to expose the entire state and its neighbors to the effects of a nuclear accident or meltdown. ~~Such accidents~~ are always larger than one county, no matter how small and modular the reactor. *Releases*

SB 990 is a direct defiance of the will of the people and an attack on the personal safety of all Oregonians. It would authorize neighborhood nukes in our state, for the benefit of a single company. It's ethically reckless and will cause a political backlash if it passes.

I'm asking you to stop it in committee, for the protection of all Oregonians.

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