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H. R. 2052

To provide the State of Oregon with a role in decisions made on environmental restoration and waste management at the Department of Energy's Hanford Reservation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 1999

Mr. DEFazio (for himself and Mr. WALDEN of Oregon) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hanford Environ-
5 mental Cleanup Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The hazardous and radioactive wastes at
2 the Department of Energy's Hanford Reservation
3 threaten the health and well-being of the citizens of
4 the States of Oregon and Washington.

5 (2) Thousands of citizens of the State of Or-
6 egon live within the emergency planning radius of
7 the Hanford Reservation.

8 (3) The Columbia River is vital to commerce,
9 irrigation, recreation, and fisheries in the States of
10 Oregon and Washington.

11 (4) Virtually every shipment of radioactive ma-
12 terial to and from the Hanford Reservation travels
13 through the State of Oregon for more than 200
14 miles.

15 (5) The State of Oregon has no right under
16 current law to participate in decisions on manage-
17 ment or cleanup of the hazardous and radioactive
18 wastes at the Hanford Reservation except in an ad-
19 visory way.

20 **SEC. 3. STATE OF OREGON PARTICIPATION AT HANFORD.**

21 The State of Oregon shall have the same rights as
22 the State of Washington under Federal law to participate
23 in decisions regarding the management, cleanup, and dis-
24 posal of hazardous and radioactive wastes at the Hanford
25 Reservation, including the right to participate as a party

1 in negotiations, dispute resolution, and enforcement ac-
2 tions of the existing Hanford Federal Facility Agreement
3 and Consent Order (also known as the Hanford Tri-Party
4 Agreement). The existing parties to the Hanford Facility
5 Agreement and Consent Order shall, at the first reason-
6 able opportunity, provide to the State of Oregon the right
7 to fully participate in negotiations, dispute resolution, and
8 enforcement of that Agreement and Consent Order.

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