

Testimony HB1574

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Testimony in Support for HB1574

Dear Chairman and members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.
I am writing in support of HB 1574, which would create a moratorium on Direct Air Capture facilities. If we are indeed going to allow these types of facilities in our state, let us wait to know more about them. As such, a temporary ban on their construction is common sense. These projects are often noisy, disturb cattle and wildlife, and have not been around long enough for us to know if there might be additional public nuisances or even threats to public health.

I've often stated when it comes to Direct Air Capture, It's way easier and cheaper to just plant trees or reseed large grasslands. They do the exact same thing and the area you plant becomes habitat for wildlife or a nice park. Not some industrial wasteland that is a nuisance to the public. Here we are spending so much time and energy trying to build mechanical trees.

As such, we recommend DO PASS on this bill.