

Sub HB 33 (Sec 4164.01 – 4164.20)

Good afternoon Chairman Dolan, Vice-Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Committee. Thank you for permitting me to take a few minutes to speak in opposition to Sub HB 33, specifically Sec 4164.01 through Sec 4164.20, the “**Ohio Nuclear Development Authority**” (“ONDA”) (pages 1887 through 1898). The language of the ONDA closely mimics that of HB 434 - Enact Advanced Nuclear Technology Helping Energize Mankind Act (The ANTHEM Act), which has failed on three separate occasions to be passed by the Senate.

According to Sec 4164.04, the ONDA “...addresses matters of public necessity for which public moneys may be spent”. In addition, the ONDA is to be established “To make this state...A leader in the development and **construction** of new-type advanced-nuclear-research reactors” (Sec 4164.04 (B) (1), emphasis added). The spending of state funds to construct new advanced-nuclear reactors could easily result in significant costs to citizens of Ohio for which the ONDA does not bother to quantify. Nor is there anything within the ONDA that speaks to costs.

If this weren't bad enough, Sec 4164.10 (B) (3) calls for the state to be: “A leader in the research and development of high-level-nuclear-waste reduction and storage technology”. This would not only involve reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel (a la West Valley, New York) but would also make Ohio a dumping ground for the nation's highly radioactive spent nuclear fuel rods. Something no other state is willing to do.

These two sections alone should warrant the elimination of Sec 4164.01 through Sec 4164.20 from Sub HB 33.

Thank you,
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