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Subject of Testimony: Possibly Future Lawsuits for Leachates Causing Cancer

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11 states have lawsuits to hold parties responsible for cancers caused by ingested tap water with PFAS, specifically kidney or testicular cancers. Whether from public or private drinking water, these cancers were from those drinking tap water for at least 6 months. Oregon is not included in this lawsuit for AL, CA, CO, FL, MASS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, Ohio, PA. Benton County could end up facing lawsuits in the future from leachates coming from the landfill once Republic Services closes up shop at Coffin Butte. Having a landfill in a very rainy valley adds to the leachate run off of PFAS that will go on for decades. Just because tanker trucks empty leachates into the Wastewater Management, their filtering is not enough to remove forever chemicals released nearby into Willamette River.

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