



Senator Lee Beyer, Chair  
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
Oregon Legislature  
Re: Environment Oregon Opposes Senate Bill 360

Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee,

Environment Oregon is a statewide, citizen-based environmental advocacy organization working for clean air, clean water and open space. We are writing in opposition to Senate Bill 360, which would exempt small-scale nuclear reactors from the current siting prohibitions on new nuclear plants in Oregon without federal waste facilities, which still do not exist. Oregon voters rejected nuclear in the 1980s due to the threat nuclear reactors and spent nuclear waste pose to the environment and public health, and there is no compelling reason (or desire on behalf of Oregonians) to make an exception now. Oregon can meet our climate and clean energy goals with truly renewable energy like wind and solar, and the risks associated with even “small-scale” nuclear power outweigh any perceived benefits. We urge you to oppose this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

Sincerely,  
John Ammondson  
Advocate, Environment Oregon