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Water

Measure: HB4090

I'm in favor of Rep. Julie Fahey's amendment to HB4090, namely HB4090-1, so that small nuclear reactors can't be exempt from the National Environmental Policy Act. HB4090 would prohibits the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) from exercising jurisdiction over or requiring a site certificate for an energy facility that is a renewable energy facility or transmission line, is sited wholly within federal lands and is subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Nuclear energy might be defined as a clean energy source because it doesn't emit greenhouse gases but creates other pollution problems such as radiation emissions. HB4090 could be used to exempt small modular nuclear reactors sited on federal land in Oregon from having to meet the requirement of ORS 469.595. That's why Fahey's amendment should be approved.