

House Bill 2038

Sponsored by Representatives WRIGHT, LEVY B, BOICE, DIEHL, OWENS; Representatives OSBORNE, SCHARF, YUNKER (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Tells ODOE to study nuclear energy and give a report on its findings. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).

Requires the State Department of Energy to study nuclear energy, including nuclear waste disposal from nuclear energy. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committee of the House of Representatives on climate, energy and environment not later than September 15, 2026.

Sunset January 2, 2027.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to nuclear energy.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy shall study the following subjects as**
5 **related to nuclear energy, including nuclear waste disposal from nuclear energy:**

6 (a) **Advantages of nuclear energy;**

7 (b) **Feasibility of constructing nuclear power plants in Oregon;**

8 (c) **How the use of nuclear energy may support current energy systems;**

9 (d) **Economic growth and workforce development potential for Oregon communities;**

10 (e) **Safety of nuclear energy and nuclear waste disposal;**

11 (f) **Reliability of nuclear energy;**

12 (g) **How the use of locally produced nuclear energy can eliminate dependence on**
13 **foreign-sourced energy; and**

14 (h) **Use of thorium as an option for producing nuclear energy.**

15 (2) **The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
16 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committee of the House of**
17 **Representatives on climate, energy and environment no later than September 15, 2026.**

18 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.