

Senate Bill 996

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB

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: Allows the siting of a power plant that uses one or more small modular reactors. Exempts the siting from the law that requires there to be a place for radioactive waste to be disposed of before a nuclear power plant may be sited in this state. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.6).

Allows the siting and operation of a small modular reactor energy facility without requiring that there be a licensed repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to small modular reactor energy facilities.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 469.590 to**
5 **469.601.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

7 (a) **“Small modular reactor” means an advanced nuclear reactor:**

8 (A) **With a nameplate capacity of 300 electrical megawatts or less;**

9 (B) **That is made up of components that are factory fabricated and transported to lo-**
10 **cation for on-site assembly; and**

11 (C) **That may be constructed and operated in combination with similar reactors at a**
12 **single site.**

13 (b) **“Small modular reactor energy facility” means an energy facility that produces power**
14 **from using one or more small modular reactors at a single site.**

15 (2) **ORS 469.595 and 469.599 do not apply to a small modular reactor energy facility.**
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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.