

# Senate Bill 997

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: Exempts the siting of a power plant that uses one or more small modular reactors 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. Refers the Act to the people for their approval or rejection. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.3).

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.

Refers the Act to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to small modular reactor energy facilities; and providing that this Act shall be referred to  
3 the people for their approval or rejection.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 469.590 to**  
6 **469.601.**

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

8 **(a) "Small modular reactor" means an advanced nuclear reactor:**

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

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

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

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

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

17 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection**  
18 **at the next regular general election held throughout this state.**

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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.