

Requested by Representative WRIGHT

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2038**

1 Delete lines 4 through 18 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy, in consultation**
3 **with the Public Utility Commission and the Pacific Northwest Electric**
4 **Power and Conservation Planning Council, shall study the following**
5 **subjects as related to nuclear energy, including legal pathways for the**
6 **disposal of nuclear waste produced from nuclear energy:**

7 **“(a) Potential advantages and disadvantages of nuclear energy;**

8 **“(b) Feasibility of constructing nuclear power plants, including**
9 **small modular reactors, in Oregon, including:**

10 **“(A) Timing for developing nuclear energy projects;**

11 **“(B) Life cycle costs of developing nuclear energy projects compared**
12 **to other energy sources;**

13 **“(C) Risks to health and the environment throughout the life cycle**
14 **of a nuclear energy project;**

15 **“(D) Measures for overcoming challenges to developing nuclear en-**
16 **ergy projects; and**

17 **“(E) Government and industry support necessary for developing**
18 **nuclear energy projects;**

19 **“(c) How the use of nuclear energy may or may not support current**
20 **energy systems, including the ability of the electric grid to meet load**
21 **requirements;**

1 “(d) Economic growth and workforce development potential for
2 Oregon communities;

3 “(e) Safety of nuclear energy;

4 “(f) Ability to safely and legally store and dispose of nuclear waste
5 of the type produced from nuclear energy, including:

6 “(A) Economic costs of disposing of the nuclear waste; and

7 “(B) Locations for interim storage of the nuclear waste;

8 “(g) Reliability of nuclear energy;

9 “(h) How the use of locally produced nuclear energy can eliminate
10 dependence on foreign-sourced energy;

11 “(i) Use of thorium as an option for producing nuclear energy;

12 “(j) Recommendations for making nuclear energy viable and cost-
13 effective; and

14 “(k) Long-term outlook for nuclear energy, including small modular
15 reactors, fusion and advanced reactors.

16 “(2) In developing the study, the department shall engage with the
17 federally recognized Indian tribes located in this state, relevant state
18 agencies and stakeholders. Engagement with the Indian tribes must
19 include direct written contact with the tribal government of each In-
20 dian tribe. The department and each tribal government shall reach an
21 agreement on a reasonable amount of time for the tribal government
22 to respond and provide input.

23 “(3) The department shall submit a report in the manner provided
24 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to
25 the interim committee of the House of Representatives on climate,
26 energy and environment no later than January 31, 2027.

27 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2,
28 2028.”.

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