

I am opposed to HB2410 because it is an attempt to circumvent current Oregon law. In 1980, Oregon voters passed Measure 7, which requires "...a federally licensed permanent disposal facility for nuclear waste and voter approval for nuclear power plant certification." Does a federal nuclear waste facility exist? NO! Have Oregon voters approved nuclear plant certification via a statewide ballot measure in the past 45 years? NO! Is a "small modular reactor energy facility demonstration project" still a nuclear reactor? YES! (Despite the absence of the word "nuclear" in the title of Public Hearing.)

This cynical attempt to use the 50,000 voters of Umatilla County to stand in for the entire electorate of Oregon is an obvious end run around the law. The committee should vote no on this bill and recommend to its sponsors that if and when a federal nuclear waste facility becomes operative in the future, they might consider resubmitting the bill with language that says: Refers the Act to the people of Umatilla County **Oregon** for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election.