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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2410

To: The House Committee on Climate, Energy and the Environment

Re: HB 2410

Position: Oppose

In 1980, Oregon voters strongly approved Measure 7, a moratorium on building nuclear reactors until at least two conditions were met:

1 - U.S. has a national nuclear waste repository - there is none. So there is no safe or legal way to dispose of nuclear waster.

2- Oregon voters approve a repeal of the moratorium - we have not done this. It seems this bill is an effort to ignore the will of the voters of Oregon.

In fact, there are more than a dozen bills that have been introduced in the 2025 Oregon legislature that could dismantle these critical safeguards.

Small Modular Nuclear Reactors are unproven technology. None have been built in the U.S. The only three operating worldwide, two in China and one in Russia, are underperforming. We don't need Oregon to be the testing ground for dirty energy that needs uranium mining and milling that decimates Indigenous land. Just to produce nuclear waste that has no safe, permanent repository. Nuclear power is a dirty and outdated technology that has no place in the transition to a clean energy future that Oregonians want.

Nuclear power is expensive. It is at least five times the cost of renewable energy according to recent studies. Building nuclear reactors are notorious for astronomical cost overruns and delays. These costs are typically borne by ratepayers.

The bottom line is that new nuclear reactors divert funding from energy efficiency, renewable energy, and storage technologies that are safer, less expensive, and faster to deploy. Don't fall for a false solution. Keep Oregon Nuclear-Free.

Sincerely,

Cierra Buer