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Thank you Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Levy and Gamba and all Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment.

I write today in opposition to HB 2038.  
A Simple Tale For A Simple Issue

We live in a village. Several decades ago, we became alarmed by a giant. This giant has a questionable history. He is messy and produces some pretty offensive and non-disposable waste. Our village got together and said. "No more giants. Go away. You're too dangerous."

Forty-five years later, our village mayor and council are considering welcoming the giant back. The giant has an earnest support group. They explain that the giant is new and improved. He's gotten smaller and really wants to help us now. The giant's supporters say, "Let's give him a chance. Let's look him over. Let's study him."

Because the giant does have a shady and shaky past and we now have safe and reliable helpers that work with batteries and assorted fuel cells, some villagers say that we should rely on these real helpers and not invite the giant back. He's too expensive and it will take too long for him to arrive. What really gets these villagers is that there is no place anywhere in this whole country that this smaller giant has actually helped anyone. They ask, "Why should our village be the test site for small-size giants? We don't need a study."

Why should Oregon become the test site for small modular nuclear reactors? No study needed. Evidence is in, just as it was in 1980—there is no safe way to store the waste.

Oppose HB 2038. Protect our village, our state, our region.