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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2038

To: House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

From: Sarah Chaney

RE: Testimony Opposing HB 2038

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I strongly oppose HB 2038 which involves spending taxpayer dollars to study the advantages of nuclear energy.

I agree with those in the meeting today who said the study should include BOTH the disadvantages and advantages of nuclear energy. However, I think there's no need to waste taxpayer dollars for a study at all, unless and until there is a high level nuclear waste repository that has been built and is federally licensed and operating. Because this does not exist at this time, studying nuclear energy in Oregon now is premature and will not serve the people of Oregon.

It would be better to spend our energy development money wisely. We need further development of batteries, smart grids, wind and solar power and geothermal power. New batteries for storing power would answer the need for a continuous supply of power without the toxic waste.

Thank you,
Sarah Chaney