

CLEAN WATER. HEALTHY RIVERS.

Re: Oppose HB 2038

Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

For the record, my name is Kelly Campbell and I am the Policy Director for Columbia Riverkeeper. Columbia Riverkeeper is a 25 year old organization with a mission to protect and restore the water quality of the Columbia River from the headwaters to the ocean and all life connected to it. We represent more than 25,000 members and supporters in Oregon.

Columbia Riverkeeper opposes HB 2038 which would direct the Oregon department of Energy to study nuclear power.

As several representatives have already noted, the way this study bill is written is not objective. For instance it calls for studying the "advantages" of nuclear power while not studying any "disadvantages."

While we don't think that a bill to study nuclear power should be a priority for the state, if the legislature wants to study new nuclear power, we would recommend an amendment to make this study bill an objective study that looks at both the pros and cons of nuclear energy.

Sincerely,

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