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Committee: House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

**Comments Opposing HB 2038**

*These comments are being submitted on behalf of Karyn Jones, Susan Jones, Stephanie Jensen and Joanne Oman Richardson.*

We are opposed to HB 2038.

The bill is written solely to promote and develop nuclear energy within the State of Oregon. It is not designed to study the well-documented flaws of nuclear energy. To date, there is no Federally licensed facility within the United States to store nuclear waste. We have only to look at the well-documented Hanford experience with their on-going lack of effective nuclear waste storage and disposal to know there is no long-term storage solution at this time. Oregon could be burdened with storing nuclear waste produced within the state for centuries.

This bill is an unnecessary and time-consuming expense. The cost of studying and implementing nuclear power within the state far exceeds the economic benefit.

This is an attempt to undermine Ballot Measure 7 passed in 1980 by the voters of Oregon, and is not acceptable.

In closing, just vote NO on HB 2038.

Sincerely,  
Karyn Jones