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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2038

I am writing in opposition to HB 2038. In 1980, Oregon voters strongly approved Measure 7, which placed a moratorium on building nuclear reactors until two conditions were met: 1.) The U.S. has a national nuclear waste repository and 2.) Oregon voters approve a repeal of the moratorium. Forty-five years later, there is still no national nuclear waste repository. Until such time that Oregon residents agree that nuclear is a safe energy option, it is a waste of taxpayer dollars to spend money on hearings, studies and reports that support the efforts of those seeking to sidestep the rule of law.

If the legislature were to approve this law, it MUST include language that the study group include those on both sides of the issue; that the report should clearly represent the risks and problems associated with Small Modular Nuclear Reactors; and that the report include the views, needs and concerns of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla and the residents of Umatilla County.

Thank you.