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By a 53% margin, Oregon voters passed a ballot measure in 1980 prohibiting nuclear reactors in the state without voter approval and the existence of a waste disposal facility. There is still no safe way to store the spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste that would be generated by these facilities.

Furthermore, this measure would circumvent the 1980 law's requirement that the majority of voters in the entire state would need to approve the nuclear reactors. HB 2410 requires only approval of Umatilla County voters. The danger makes these reactors and disposal of their waste much more than a local issue.