

Dear Legislator,

The undersigned twenty-four organizations representing more than 150,000 Oregonians urge you to oppose the suite of pro-nuclear bills in the 2025 Oregon legislative session.

Background: In 1980, Oregon voters strongly approved Measure 7, a moratorium on building nuclear reactors until two conditions were met: The U.S. has a national nuclear waste repository, and Oregon voters approve a repeal of the moratorium.

Forty-five years later, there is still no national nuclear waste repository. Despite this, there are more than a dozen bills that have been introduced in the 2025 Oregon legislature that could dismantle these critical safeguards that were erected by the people.

The Latest: The following pro-nuclear bills are a dangerous distraction from the real work of a just transition to clean energy and should be opposed.

SB 215, HB 2426, SB 216, HB 3548, HB 3565, and SB 994-SB 997 are various attempts to overturn Oregon's long standing moratorium on nuclear power reactors, even though there is no national nuclear waste repository.

HB 2410 would exempt Umatilla County from the statewide moratorium.

HB 2038 would direct the Oregon Department of Energy to study "the advantages" of nuclear power in Oregon. SB 635 would direct Oregon State University to study nuclear power.

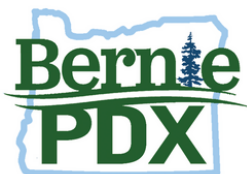
SB 656 would give an income tax credit for energy production--including energy from nuclear power and fossil fuels.

Five Reasons to Keep Oregon Nuclear-Free:

1. Small Modular Nuclear Reactors are an unproven technology. None have been built in the U.S. The only three operating worldwide, two in China and one in Russia, are underperforming.
2. Nuclear power is not clean energy. From uranium mining and milling that decimates Indigenous land to nuclear waste that has no safe, permanent repository, nuclear power is a dirty and outdated technology that has no place in a just transition to a clean energy future.
3. Nuclear power is "the most expensive way to boil water." Studies show it is at least five times the cost of renewable energy. Building nuclear reactors are notorious for astronomical cost overruns and delays. These costs are typically borne by ratepayers.
4. Baseload is an outdated concept. With new grid and storage technologies, we don't need "firm" or "baseload" power like coal and nuclear.
5. Tech company hype is a distraction: new small modular nuclear reactors would not come online for at least 10 to 15 years--meanwhile, tech companies voracious energy appetite to power their data centers and AI will continue to use dirty fossil fuels and displace renewable energy required for basic needs.

Bottom Line: New nuclear reactors divert funding from energy efficiency, renewable energy, and storage technologies that are safer, less expensive, and faster to deploy. These bills are not in alignment with the values of the people of Oregon who voted yes to Measure 7. We can't afford this new nuclear risk to Oregon. Don't fall for a false solution. Keep Oregon Nuclear-Free.

24 Organizations representing 150,000+ Oregonians say: Keep Oregon's Moratorium on Nuclear Power



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