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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2410

I strongly urge rejecting this conservative Republican-led effort to allow experimental, unproven nuclear plant designs in Oregon.

RETAIN OREGONIAN'S BALLOT MEASURE WHICH OPPOSED NUCLEAR PLANTS

There is a good reason that citizens all around the great state of Oregon passed a ballot measure regarding opposition to nuclear energy. They know that nuclear waste remains for generations and generations of future Oregonians to have to deal with.

A repeal of a statewide voter-supported ballot measure without a statewide public vote is not something the legislature typically does and should not be utilized here.

NO POWER FOR 15 YEARS

Additionally it's important to note that any nuclear plants won't produce a drop of energy for 15 years, according to proponent's expectations. So it's not a panacea. By the time they are built, we will have found much more cost effective and safer technologies. Yet the impact will remain for generations.

All for an unproven experimental facility.

Alternatively solar power can be quickly built and start providing energy in the very near future.

DO WE WANT ANOTHER FUKUSHIMA DISASTER WHEN WE HAVE A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE?

The recent Fukushima disaster, which sent tons of nuclear waste into the ocean and left large swaths of land permanently evacuated and uninhabitable is Exhibit A for why this is a bad idea.

Source: blogs.nature.com/news/files/Japan-evacuation-zones.jpg

That plant, which like Oregon, sits in an earthquake prone area, was sold to residents as a good idea. Now they cannot reside in the vicinity for the rest of their life. Do we want that for our residents and neighbors?

CURRENT NUCLEAR WASTE GOES IN OUR WATER

Do we really want more nuclear waste "freely flowing" into our water systems - both

the Columbia River and groundwater, like what is occurring from Hanford's nuclear waste?

That quote is from the EPA.

Source: www.courthousenews.com/radioactive-waste-still-flooding-columbia-river-epa-says

WHY EXPERIMENT ON OREGONIANS WITH UNPROVEN TECHNOLOGY?

What is proposed in this bill would make Oregonian's guinea pigs as this is an unsafe and experimental design.

VOTE NO ON THIS DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

I hope you will join with broad segments of the Oregon environmental community and concerned citizens around the state, including eastern Oregon, in opposing the Republican initiated effort to overturn voter's will and allow unproven, experimental nuclear energy plants in Oregon.