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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2038

I strongly urge rejecting this Republican-led Trojan Horse method for allowing nuclear plants to allow experimental, unproven nuclear plants in Oregon.

A ONE SIDED OUTCOME IS PREDETERMINED VIA BILL LANGUAGE

This bill, as drafted, is so one-sided that the outcome is assured to recommend building experimental and unproven nuclear plants in Oregon. It is weighted by design to ensure this. It is not a neutral body and they are not allowed to have any outcome other than supporting nuclear plants.

NUCLEAR TAKES 15 YEARS TO BUILD

Nuclear plants which, it's important to note - according to proponents own estimates, any nuclear plants won't be online for likely 15 years before they can produce a drop of energy. 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 facility.

We need to invest in proven technologies, like solar, that can be built quickly and efficiently to create energy. Not gamble Oregonian lives on something that won't do anything until 2041.

DO WE WANT TO HOST ANOTHER FUKUSHIMA DISASTER?

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 nuclear 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. There is a massive 311 square mile area that is uninhabited due to nuclear waste and radiation.

Source: Encyclopedia Britannica

OREGONIANS VOTED IN A BALLOT MEASURE TO OPPOSE NUCLEAR ENERGY

There is a good reason that citizens 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. Let's not overturn the will of the public.

HANFORD NUCLEAR WASTE GOES INTO NEARBY WATER

Do we really want more nuclear waste "freely flowing" into our water systems, like what is occurring at Hanford? That quote is from the EPA.

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

PLEASE OPPOSE THIS POORLY DESIGNED BILL

I hope you will join with broad segments of the Oregon environmental community and concerned citizens around the state in opposing the Republican initiated end run to allow experimental nuclear energy plants in Oregon.