



**Community Renewable Energy Association**

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**Subject:** *CREA Testimony in support of HB-2038*

**To:** *House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment*

Honorable Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Bobby Levy, and members of the committee.

On behalf of CREA, an intergovernmental entity representing local governments and developers of renewable energy facilities in Oregon since 2007, I am writing in **support** of **HB-2038**, relating to the Oregon Department of Energy being directed to study nuclear energy, including nuclear waste disposal from nuclear energy generation.

Although the subject matter of nuclear energy is new at CREA, our members and communities around Oregon have been wanting to gain a better understand of the current technology, and it's potential in for helping the state meet its goals for domestic clean energy generation in the future.

CREA very much appreciated the testimony from the Oregon Department of Energy's presentation by Assistant Director Max Woods during the informational hearing on February 27<sup>th</sup>, and we look forward to staying engaged on this topic as we all continue to learn, and hopefully support new safe opportunities for Oregon grown energy.

We do however understand and see the need for a thorough and holistic study, and would very much support an amendment for the Oregon Department of Energy to study the disadvantages as well as the advantages of nuclear energy.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter, and we hope the committee will support this concept moving forward.

Regards,

James Williams

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CREA is an ORS 190 intergovernmental association. Members include counties, irrigation districts, project developers, for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations. CREA supports business and economic opportunities through renewable energy development in a competitive environment. We support use of free enterprise principles to create economically and environmentally responsible electric generation within the State of Oregon.