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**Position on Bills at 2025  
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

**SB 635 : Oppose**



The Oregon Progressive Party opposes SB 635, which would direct Oregon State University to conduct a feasibility study on nuclear energy generation in this state.

OSU has a distinct conflict of interest, with an investment stake in NuScale Corporation, a leading promoter of small modular reactors (SMRs). NuScale plans to use technology developed at OSU to build SMRs, although it has not begun to build any.

Having OSU do this study is like asking Tesla Corporation to study the feasibility of electric cars. Assigning the task to the public entity in Oregon with the most obvious conflict of interest does not instill confidence in this bill.

Further, there are already dozens of studies on the feasibility of nuclear energy generation. How nuclear energy generation would be more or less feasible in Oregon than in other states is a mystery. We suggest that the Oregon Legislature save some money by not assigning OSU to study nuclear energy generation.

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