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If Oregon State University wants to study the feasibility of nuclear power in Oregon, maybe they can do it at their own expense. This proposal contains a conflict of interest since OSU is in support of this bill.

Nuclear power has been studied and restudied. What we know is that all power produced by fission creates radioactive waste which hangs around for thousands to millions of years. Radioactive waste devastates the area where it is produced/stored, causing harm to all living things, including soil, and lays waste to agricultural lands and the water supply.

There is no reason to believe that SMNR's won't harm us in the same ways that larger nuclear reactors do. In fact, they are more dangerous from the point of view of more limited staffing and increased exposure to terrorism.

As long as we live in a state that has seismic activity, it is just too dangerous to build this kind of energy infrastructure. Remember Fukushima!