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I am opposed to wasting money on anything that would lead to more nuclear power plants. As the bill doesn't specify who will pay for the study, if you are inclined to pass such a misguided measure, it should at least require that no one associated with the nuclear power industry or its advocates may supply the funds.

1. Nuclear power plants pose a grave danger to their sites and to the world as a whole. Three major nuclear disasters in our lifetime should be enough to convince you of that.

2. Nuclear power is much more expensive than it's proponents claim. Look at the WHOOPS disaster. I know the industry is full of arrogant puffery about how they know what they're doing. After 60 years of that why should we continue to believe them?

3. Don't spend money on Uranium based reactors when Thorium based reactors may solve many of the safety and cost issues associated with Uranium reactors. Why saddle Oregon with dying technology?

4. Any money spent on nuclear would be much better spent on renewables.

5. The industry wants to scare us into thinking we are going to need large increases in electricity in the future. The reality is that non-essential uses like bit coin mining and AI are the real cause of increase in electricity use. The machines and gadgets that make our life better have been getting increasingly more efficient over the last 70 years. These big, non-essential uses should be made illegal or have the hell taxed out of them.

Please do the right thing and drive a stake through the heart of any nuclear plans for Oregon.

Sincerely,

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