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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB635

I, Dr. Joyce Follingstad, psychologist, nurse and cancer survivor, am writing to oppose SB635. While Oregon struggles to make ends meet in our budget, this bill would ask us to pay for a bill that is not necessary, as many other studies have shown that nuclear power is never delivered on time as projected, and has never delivered on budget. Former Colorado Senator Chris Hansen's study outlines how nuclear power is not cost effective and will not be available any time soon, and has still not answered the question of the permanent waste disposal of the highly radioactive waste that results from these small modular nuclear reactors. The most recent nuclear power plant produced in our country is forcing Georgia citizens into paying for the most expensive electricity in the world with higher utility bills. We also know that the only three SMRs built in the world in China and Russia are vastly underproducing. Also, asking Oregon State University to study the feasibility of developing nuclear energy generation is like asking me to write the reference letters for my own promotion or admission into a doctoral program. It is a request that has too much conflict of interest. This bill also does not direct a study of the numerous disadvantages of the generation of nuclear power!

I ask the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment to oppose this bill and to not even give it a working session. I say NO to SB635.