

March 22, 2021

Dear Chair Beyer, Vice Chair Findley, and Members of the Committee on Energy and Environment,

I strongly oppose SB 360 which would grant exemptions from the 1980 ballot measure regarding nuclear power in Oregon. This bill would eliminate the required statewide approval for all nuclear reactors built in Oregon and would bypass the provision that all nuclear waste needs to be deposited in a federally-licensed nuclear waste facility in Oregon.

Oregon has used common sense to reject nuclear power plants in the past and it must continue to do so. Nuclear power is never safe. Accidents do and will happen. In addition, our state has no place to put dangerous radioactive waste.

Oregonians do not need nuclear power plants. They are not green, safe, or cost effective. Oregon should focus on cleaner, safer, reliable, and more cost effective energy alternatives such as wind and solar power. We need to protect and preserve our environment. Our beautiful land, water, and air must be kept as safe as possible for future generations of Oregonians.

Please reject this bill and keep nuclear power plants out of Oregon.

Thank you for your service and consideration,

Patrice Pollard