



*Oregon  
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**ALERT**

**Corporate Lobbyists for Nuclear Power  
Seek to Undo the Will of Oregon Voters!**

**They want you to REPEAL the 1980  
Nuclear Ballot Measure Law  
protecting Oregonians for 43 years!**

**[Stop Senate Bill 676 & House Bill 2215](#)**

**[Republican State Senator Tim Knopp](#) and [Representative Ed Diehl](#) filed [SB 676](#) in the Oregon State Senate. [Republican State Representatives David Brock Smith](#) and [Ed Diehl](#) filed [HB 2215](#) in the Oregon House.**

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Both bills have "IDENTICAL" language and if passed into law would be referred to Oregon voters at the next regular general election for their approval or rejection, If passed by Oregon voters, these bills would overturn what was already decided in 1980, that commercial nuclear power plants cannot be built and operated in Oregon until a high level nuclear waste repository has been federally licensed (no such repository exists) and that any proposed nuclear power plant be approved in a statewide vote of the people.

Both bills "REPEAL" ORS 469.590, 469.593, 469.595, 469.597, 469.599 and 469.601 to achieve this goal, opening the door to the siting and operation of ANY KIND OF COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT in Oregon, without first having a federally licensed terminal repository for its high level nuclear waste and statewide voter approval.

**BOTH SB 676 & HB 2215  
NEED TO BE STOPPED!!!**

In the United States there is no “terminal” repository for High Level Nuclear Waste. This includes the same kind of high level nuclear waste produced by **Small Modular Nuclear Reactors** if they are allowed to be built and operated!

We need to enforce the law passed by Oregon voters in 1980, **not repeal their hard fought efforts to make the nuclear power industry responsible for its high level nuclear waste, and, most importantly, maintain that all Oregon voters have the final say on whether nuclear plants can be built and operated in Oregon!**

**SB 676 and HB 2215 are posted on the Oregon State Legislature’s website.** In Google search “Oregon State Legislature” and when links appear click on that term. Go to “Search Bills” and put in “nuclear” and press your enter key. This brings up a list of bills. On the left side of screen is a box listing “legislative sessions”, click on “2023 Regular Session” This narrows the list of bills. Then choose the one you wish to review. As the session progresses refresh your search, more bills will appear as they are introduced, assigned committees (*Committee links show who presides*

*and sits on committees*), scheduled hearings etc. HB 2215 is in the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment. SB 676 is in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment.

The Chair of each legislative committee controls whether or not a bill gets a hearing, so contacting the Chair, committee members, along with your own Oregon state representative, state senator and ultimately the Governor, is important.

## **HELP DEFEAT**

## **THIS LEGISLATION**

Preserve the Oregon law that for 43 years has protected us from a failing nuclear fuel cycle, as well as providing all voters the right to determine whether any proposed commercial nuclear power plant can be built and operated in our state.

If you have further questions, feel free to contact the Oregon Conservancy Foundation at [lloyd@marbet.org](mailto:lloyd@marbet.org) or by calling 503-637-6130.

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## **Summary and language of these two identical bills:**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor’s brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Removes requirement that adequate repository for terminal disposition of high-level radioactive waste be licensed as precondition for issuance of site certificate for nuclear-fueled thermal power plant.

Removes requirement that proposed site certificate for nuclear-fueled thermal power plant be submitted to electors of this state for approval or rejection. Refers Act to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

### **BILL LANGUAGE**

#### **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to nuclear-fueled thermal power plants; repealing ORS 469.590, 469.593, 469.594, 469.595, 469.597, 469.599 and 469.601; and providing that this Act shall be referred to the people for their approval or rejection.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 469.590, 469.593, 469.594, 469.595, 469.597, 469.599 and 469.601 are repealed.

SECTION 2. This 2023 Act shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout this state

*And the cost of a thing is the amount of what I will call life which is required to be exchanged for it, immediately or in the long run.*  
– Henry David Thoreau