

Senate Bill 995

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB

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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Exempts the siting of a power plant that uses one or more small modular reactors from the law that requires approval from the electors of this state. Refers the Act to the people for their approval or rejection. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.8).

Allows the siting and operation of a small modular reactor energy facility without requiring that the proposed site certificate for the small modular reactor energy facility be submitted to the electors of this state for their approval or rejection.

Refers the Act to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to small modular reactor energy facilities; and providing that this Act shall be referred to
3 the people for their approval or rejection.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 469.590 to**
6 **469.601.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

8 (a) "Small modular reactor" means an advanced nuclear reactor:

9 (A) With a nameplate capacity of 300 electrical megawatts or less;

10 (B) That is made up of components that are factory fabricated and transported to lo-
11 cation for on-site assembly; and

12 (C) That may be constructed and operated in combination with similar reactors at a
13 single site.

14 (b) "Small modular reactor energy facility" means an energy facility that produces power
15 from using one or more small modular reactors at a single site.

16 (2) ORS 469.597 does not apply to a small modular reactor energy facility.

17 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection**
18 **at the next regular general election held throughout this state.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.