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I oppose the HB 4046 proposal that the State Department of Energy to conduct a study on nuclear energy, subject to the availability of funding. Here's why:

A. The study would be not publicly funded but privately funded. Private funding will result in a "study" biased toward the interests of the funders.

B. The proposal excludes input from many affected communities, such as environmental justice communities, public health experts, clean water advocates, and others directly impacted by nuclear development. Excluding affected communities' input will bias the conclusions of the study.

C. The federal government is weakening nuclear safety standards. We do not want a Love-Canal nuclear accident in Oregon. Washington lawmakers recently halted a similar nuclear "study" bill because of the weaker federal standards. The Oregon legislature should do the same.