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Rep. John Lively, Chair
900 Court St. NE, H-481
Salem, OR 97301

RE: League of Oregon Cities Support for HB 4046 -2

Chair Lively and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment,

The League of Oregon Cities represents 241 incorporated Oregon cities, and we appreciate the opportunity to support the study on nuclear energy generation outlined in HB 4046 and the -2 amendment.

The LOC membership is geographically dispersed throughout Oregon. We know that in any Oregon setting, urban rural, coastal, and frontier, LOC cities are concerned about energy capacity serving their cities and recent increases in utility fees. The growth in energy demand is leading to brown-outs in some cities, resulting in costly losses and uncertainty about the economic future of those towns. To ensure Oregon's energy future has the capacity to supply the projected growth in load demand and meet the needs of Oregonians, industry, and future reliance on 100 percent clean energy, we must be willing to venture out like intrepid explorers on a mission to secure vastly needed growth in energy generation.

Charging the Department of Energy to conduct a study and provide a report to policy makers and the public, to support an up-to-date understanding of advanced nuclear reactors feels like a logical next step to safely and thoughtfully explore tools Oregon will need to meet current and future carbon-free energy demands.

Thank you,

Greg Miller
League of Oregon Cities

