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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4046

My Name is Inga Fisher Williams, I live in Portland, Oregon. I am writing in opposition to HB 1046, and its amendments.

Once again, the proponents of NUSCAL and its untested, developmental SMRs are clogging up the legislative process in order to advocate for nuclear power in Oregon. Even though there is lots of data, studies and legislative history on this issue, this proposed bill has clad its advocacy in the guise of yet another study. Even more brazen, this bill would allow private - non governmental- entities to provide funds for such a specious effort.

Clever by half, HB 1046 , would exempt Umatilla County from the state's established process for locating nuclear power plants. Given that there is no national disposal process or site for the debris left behind any operation of nuclear power plants: its highly toxic wastes, and no standard for dealing with it storage onsite, HB1046 would leave it up to local jurisdictions, i.e., county government to saddle the state and its residents with long lived toxic waste storage, dispersed willy-nilly, on sites wherever an eager for development body: read data center hosting county, would approve. This proposed legislation is inimical to sound energy planning in Oregon and should be tabled permanently. It is unworthy of your time to consider.