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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4046

Chair Representative Lively, Vice-Chair Representative Gamba, Vice-Chair Representative Levy, and Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment:

I strongly oppose HB 4046, which is not only a distraction from focusing on beneficial energy generation pursuits, but unnecessary because sufficient reliable and unbiased scientific analysis already exists. There is absolutely no need to waste more time and money on yet another study.

HB 4046 is just an effort to use private and federal funding to perform a nuclear power study that will then be used to repeal or provide exemptions to Oregon's 1980 ballot measure law that has protected Oregonians for many years. That ballot measure was approved by a majority of Oregon citizens and requires a federally licensed permanent repository for disposal of nuclear waste and a statewide vote of approval before any commercial nuclear power plants can be built and operated in Oregon. Small Modular Nuclear Reactors are not exempt from the concerns that led to the 1980 ballot measure. To contend otherwise is just inaccurate.

I urge you to oppose HB 4046 and protect Oregonians from commercial enterprises that value profits over our best interests and health.