

Submitter: Rich Iwasaki

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4046

Dear Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee:

I oppose HB 4046, which seeks to advance nuclear energy development in Oregon by funding a potentially biased study that focuses on its advantages without including a well-rounded look at its disadvantages.

Nuclear reactors produce highly radioactive waste that can remain hazardous for hundreds of thousands of years. The lack of a permanent solution for nuclear waste storage must be part of the discussion if we are to consider expanding nuclear energy in our state.

The initial costs associated with building and maintaining nuclear power plants could be better allocated toward renewable energy sources such as wind and solar, which are more cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

I urge all legislators to stay focused on energy efficiency, renewables, and storage. Please vote no on advancing HB 4046.

Sincerely,

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