

Submitter: Peter Bergel
On Behalf Of: Stop Nuclear Work Group and Oregon PeaceWorks
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4076

Testimony of Peter Bergel on HB 4076

Chair Lively and Members of the Committee,

My name is Peter Bergel, I live in Salem and I am here representing the Stop Nuclear Work Group and Oregon PeaceWorks. In 1980 I was the co-author and campaign manager of Ballot Measure 7, which put the sensible restrictions on nuclear power that it has – 46 years later – still not been able to meet.

This is a completely unnecessary piece of legislation.

It calls upon the Oregon Department of Energy to study energy and report on it. This is one of the things ODOE was created to do and does periodically. Indeed, it just completed an extensive study of all forms of energy utilized in Oregon.

It puzzled me why such an apparently unnecessary bill would be introduced, especially in a short session when time is of the essence and the public is routinely told there is not enough time to hear what they have to say on other bills. That this bill is scheduled for a public hearing and a possible work session on the last possible day smells like political intrigue. Specifically, I wonder whether this bill's only function is to provide a vehicle that can later be used to gut and stuff another bill, such as HB 4046, into.

Because we expect the people's work to be done in a transparent manner, we urge a NO vote on HB 4076.