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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4046

I would like to comment on HB 4046. It is proposed that the study on nuclear energy be privately funded which opens the door for corporations with financial stakes in nuclear development (including Big Tech companies and nuclear industry interests) to fund the very study that could shape Oregon's energy future. A study funded by industry risks becoming industry advocacy.

Also an advisory groups is recommended that would include environmental communities, public health experts, clean water advocates & others directly impacted by nuclear development. Excluding meaningful community input undermines the credibility and integrity of the study.

Oregon voters have had a longstanding moratorium on new nuclear reactors. If our energy needs are increasing, then further development of CLEAN energy should be HIGH on the list.

PLEASE vote NO on this bill 4046.

Thank you, Catherine Ellison