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Oregon must be prepared to consider the addition of nuclear power as a source of electricity for several reasons. 1. The demand for electricity is going to increase considerably in future years. 2. Wind, solar, and hydroelectric will not be sufficient to meet the demand. 3. Global warming, and the resulting climate changes are primarily caused by burning fossil fuels and creating greenhouse gases.

It is both prudent and important that the risks and benefits of all aspects of using nuclear energy to produce electricity be carefully studied. HB 4946 would mandate that such a study would be thoroughly done. I therefore support passing this bill.