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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2017 Session of Oregon Legislature:

SB 990: Oppose

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party continues to oppose this bill, which:

- Exempts small modular reactors from certain siting restrictions that apply to nuclear-fueled thermal power plants.
- Requires small modular reactors to be sited in city or county where electors of city or county have approved of small modular reactors being located in city or county.
- Requires proposed disposal of high-level radioactive waste by small modular reactor to comport only with process approved or adopted by United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

This bill eliminates the application to "small modular reactors" of the ban on producing high-level radioactive waste that Oregon voters adopted in 1980. It also eliminates application of other laws applicable to nuclear reactors.

In light of the availability of cost-effective renewable resources, this contravention of the will of the voters seems unnecessary.

We also concur with the testimony of the Union of Concerned Scientists and the many others who oppose this bill.

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