

COIN Legislative Session Worksheet for 2026

Bill Number and Title: HB4046 Relating to Nuclear Energy (A Study Bill)

What is your recommendation for this bill?

Oppose- We have opposed this before in 2025.

Brief Description of Bill

Requires DOE to conduct a study of the efficacy of nuclear electrical generation for Oregon and evades the fiscal dilemma by establishing a fund into which entities can pay to support it.

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1. Bill topic – highlight which category best fits your bill:

Climate, Energy, Environment	Housing / Houselessness
Campaign Finance Reform	Immigration / Social Justice
Healthcare	Education
Transportation	Economics
Criminal Justice	Gun Safety
Other:	

2. The bill's Legislative Champions

Chief Sponsors: Representative Wright, Levy B, Edwards, Boice, Bunch, Osborne, Pham H, Senator Smith DB

Regular Sponsors: Representative Evans, Helm, Reschke, Skarlatos, Senator Meek, Sollman, Thatcher, Weber,

3. The bill's legislative opponents:

Anyone who understands the drawbacks of nuclear generation as a climate solution. This should be all climate activist organizations but regrettably some folks don't understand the downside

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4. What advocacy groups are supporting this bill and why are they supporting it? Provide contact information if available.

Nuclear industry, Amazon and other Data/AI Center proponents, Project 2025, generally Republicans but also some Democrats.

5. What groups are opposing this bill and why are they opposing it?

Southern Oregon Climate Action Now (see Journet 2025 - <https://socan.eco/climate-action-and-the-nuclear-conundrum/>). The three major premises proposed to justify nuclear are false

6. Why should COIN endorse, oppose, or watch this bill?

We should oppose because nuclear electricity is the most expensive way possible to lower greenhouse gas emissions

7. What is the likelihood this bill will pass? How much effort should we put towards it?

It's difficult to know how the committee chair will deal with it, but he seems to be sympathetic to nuclear power based on 2025 performance.

8. List the relevant dates concerning the bill(s):

Assigned probably to Climate Energy and Environment but no Public Hearing yet scheduled

9. Please list any specific advocacy action you would like COIN to help with, any media contacts that may be helpful or any other important information?

I have drafted testimony on behalf of SOCAN & COIN to submit when the time comes. I would like to encourage other COIN folks to testify likewise