FROM: Don Bryant

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TO: Committee Chair Bill Reinke:

I am opposed to HB 308.

Nuclear power generation is not a "green" or environmentally sound industry. It involves uranium mining, milling, & enrichment, fuel fabrication, building of reactors, transportation of materials, and radioactive waste which are all polluting or potentially polluting practices.

Nuclear waste is not disposable and will cost plenty to bury in some undetermined location.

Small Modular Reactors (SMNRs) are just as risky as large reactors.

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Energy generated from SMNRs will be more costly than that from large reactors - due to simple advantages of scale. Nuclear electricity is now, and will continue to be, 3 to 5 times more expensive than wind, solar, and other renewable energy. Nuclear costs are going up, while renewables are going down.

There is an utter lack of confidence in production and operation of SMNRs. On Nov. 8, 2023, NuScale canceled its bid to build the first SMNRs due to accelerating costs, investors backing out, design problems, and other woes. A lawsuit has been filed accusing NuScale of securities fraud. Public money invested and lost is around \$1 billion. The U.S. armed services revoked a contract for a small nuclear plant in Alaska, also in November 2023.

I am opposed to paying for SMNRs, especially when Wall Street will not fund them. Nor are insurance companies willing to insure their safety nor reliability.

I am opposed to HB 308 It will enable the manipulation of public funds into private, greedy, corporate hands.

Sincerely,

Don Bryant