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For decades, outdated government restrictions have blocked Missouri from fully embracing the safest, cleanest, and most reliable form of baseload power on earth: advanced nuclear technology. HB 2598 finally removes those artificial barriers. It declares that no state prohibition shall stand in the way of building and operating advanced nuclear reactors — so long as they meet federal licensing standards and Missouri’s emergency preparedness requirements. That is common-sense freedom in action.

This bill creates a lean Missouri Advanced Nuclear Energy Office and a dedicated development fund — funded exclusively by external grants, donations, and private contributions, not general revenue. It offers targeted, accountable reimbursement grants for pre-construction work on hybrid natural-gas-plus-nuclear projects. No rate-payer bailouts, no blank checks, and strict repayment requirements if projects fail to deliver. This is exactly the kind of pro-growth, pro-innovation approach our members demand.

Freedom Principle MO has made energy independence one of our top 2026 legislative priorities. We support abundant natural gas and nuclear expansion while rejecting the trillion-dollar green-energy boondoggles that drive up costs and threaten reliability. Advanced nuclear delivers American-made jobs, lower electricity bills for Missouri families, and true energy security — without depending on China for solar panels or the weather for wind turbines.

Mr. Chairman, this is Missouri First policy at its best: unleashing private innovation, cutting red tape, and securing a brighter, more prosperous future for our children. We urge you to pass HB 2598 without delay.



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I am in strong opposition to HB2807 (Hurlbert). While these bills are presented under the guise of updating our energy policy, they represent a profound step backward for Missouri’s environment, economy, and working families. We must reject these attempts to undermine the promise of a clean energy future.

These bills sabotage Missouri’s commitment to renewable energy. HB2807 creates a new “nuclear energy credit” and slashes the renewable portfolio standard in half, from 15 percent to just 7.5 percent.

This is a direct attack on the voter-approved goals to grow our clean energy economy. Diluting the standard with nuclear power, a source fraught with safety risks, massive taxpayer subsidies, and unresolved waste problems, diverts investment away from truly renewable sources like wind and solar. These are the industries creating jobs and economic opportunity in Missouri right now.

In addition, adding nuclear energy does nothing to address the climate crisis in a timely manner. New nuclear facilities take decades to build and cost billions, while solar and wind can be deployed rapidly and at a fraction of the cost. We should be investing in a decentralized, resilient grid powered by homegrown renewable energy, not propping up an outdated and dangerous technology.

The changes also harm ratepayers. By creating a market for nuclear energy credits, utilities can pass the exorbitant costs of new nuclear construction onto consumers, all while receiving a guaranteed return on investment. This is a corporate giveaway that will raise bills for working families and small businesses, with no guarantee that these expensive projects will ever come online.

Finally, these bills prioritize the profits of large utility corporations over the health of our communities. True renewable energy reduces harmful air pollution that causes asthma and other illnesses, particularly in low-income communities and communities of color. By backtracking on our clean energy goals, we are prolonging the life of polluting facilities and choosing corporate profits over the well-being of Missourians.

We must not let the utilities and their allies in the legislature dismantle our progress. We urge you to oppose these bills and instead focus on policies that truly support the growth of renewable energy, protect consumers, and build a just and sustainable future for all Missourians.



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This bill appears to be legislative legerdemain. The fuel needed to run nuclear power plants is limited, and therefore nuclear power is not renewable. As that fuel becomes more scarce, the efforts to find and mine it will cause increased environmental damage.



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HB 2807 seeks to add nuclear energy to the definition of renewable energy sources. While nuclear energy does not produce direct carbon dioxide emissions, it is not without environmental health and safety risks. The uranium needed to create nuclear power is a finite resource, and the mining process has been proven to have negative health impacts for workers and the surrounding communities. Nuclear energy also creates radioactive waste that has previously had devastating impacts on Missouri communities. Nuclear energy is not a sustainable energy source and should not be classified as such under Missouri law.



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March 4, 2026

Chairman Bob Bromley
House Committee on Utilities
201 West Capitol Avenue
Room 401-A
Jefferson City MO 65101

Dear Chairman Bromley and Members of the Committee,

Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Bill 2807 reduces statewide renewable energy requirements, and modifies the definition of renewable energy to include nuclear energy. However, nuclear energy is not, by definition, renewable; therefore, we urge the committee to vote "no" on HB 2807.

Renewable energy, like solar and wind, comes from sources that are not exhausted by use. Nuclear energy, on the other hand, relies on uranium. This is a finite, mined resource that isn't replenished on a human timescale, and can cause significant environmental and human health damages if mishandled.

Nuclear power also generates radioactive waste that requires extensive, long-term infrastructure to manage safely. Throughout the country, nuclear power plants store spent radioactive fuel on site in concrete encasings lined with steel that must be replaced every 100 years (1). The creation of any new plants will necessitate the storage of these materials on-site at those plants (2). These waste materials have half-lives lasting between 24,000 and millions of years, so there is no guarantee current solutions will last long enough to protect the public (3). Further, findings released just this week demonstrate that much more research is needed in order to prove that living near a nuclear power plant is safe. Harvard University researchers found that there is a correlation between living in a county near one or more operational nuclear power plants and cancer mortality (4). Future Missouri residents' health should not be put at risk by incentivizing more nuclear energy development.

Additionally, this bill cuts Missouri's statewide renewable energy requirement in half, lowering it from 15% to just 7.5%. This reduced standard is one the state should have already met by 2021, making the

rollback especially concerning. At a time when renewable energy costs have fallen dramatically and continue to provide long-term price stability, this proposal moves Missouri backward. Solar, for example, costs between \$20-\$78 per megawatt-hour and takes less than two years to come online (5). Meanwhile, new nuclear generation ranges from \$141-\$228 per megawatt-hour and takes an average of 7.5 years to build (6).

Nuclear power has long been a deeply risky investment with long term construction timelines, overshot budgets, and a history of uncompleted plants—so many there's an entire Wikipedia article listing them (7). It's estimated that, nationwide, over \$33 billion has been spent on abandoned nuclear projects (8). Take Bellefonte Nuclear Plant, in Alabama, for example. It's a project that cost \$4 billion so far, construction has been abandoned twice, and the plant has never produced a single watt of electricity (9). Every day Missourians with no other choice but to purchase power from their local monopoly utility should not be forced to foot the bill when the potential for stranded assets is so high. Ultimately, this bill threatens the state's long-term environmental and economic resilience. For these reasons, we urge you to vote "no" on HB 2807.

Sincerely,

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(1) "Storage and Disposal of Radioactive Waste - World Nuclear Association." Accessed March 2, 2026. <https://world-nuclear.org/information-library/nuclear-fuel-cycle/nuclear-waste/storage-and-disposal-of-radioactive-waste>.

(2) "How and where is nuclear waste stored in the U.S.?" Ohio State University Engineering. <https://engineering.osu.edu/news/2025/05/how-and-where-nuclear-waste-stored-u.s.#:~:text=After%20about%20three%20to%20five,that%20owned%20the%20nuclear%20plant>.

(3) "Backgrounder on Radioactive Waste" <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/fact-sheets/radwaste?utm>

(4) Alwadi, Yazan, Barrak Alahmad, Carolina L. Zilli Vieira, et al. "National Analysis of Cancer Mortality and Proximity to Nuclear Power Plants in the United States." *Nature Communications* 17, no. 1 (2026): 1560. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-026-69285-4>.

(5) Lazard Levelized Cost of Energy+. Lazard Power, Energy and Infrastructure Group, 2025. <https://www.lazard.com/media/eijnqja3/lazards-lcoeplus-june-2025.pdf>

(6) Ibid; "Global nuclear reactor construction starts and duration, 1949-2023" Cutler Cleveland. <https://visualizingenergy.org/global-nuclear-reactor-construction-starts-and-duration-1949-2023/>

(7) "List of canceled nuclear reactors in the United States" https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_canceled_nuclear_reactors_in_the_United_States

(8) THE BIG PICTURE: Abandoned Nuclear Power Projects (Interactive Map)" Sonal Patel. <https://www.powermag.com/interactive-map-abandoned-nuclear-power-projects/>

(9) "TVA CEO expects Bellefonte nuclear to be reality" <https://electricityforum.com/news/tvaceoexpectsbellefontetobecomeareality>



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I oppose HB 2907 since nuclear power sources is NOT a renewable energy resource. Use wind farms or solar energy for power.



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HB 2807 fundamentally alters Missouri’s Renewable Energy Standard by redefining what qualifies as “renewable energy” and by weakening existing compliance obligations for utilities.

Most notably, the bill removes the statutory exclusion of nuclear power from the definition of renewable energy resources. Missouri voters adopted the Renewable Energy Standard through Proposition C in 2008 with a clear understanding that renewable energy referred to sources such as wind, solar, hydropower, and biomass. Reclassifying nuclear generation as “renewable” retroactively changes the structure and intent of that policy framework.

The bill also reduces the renewable portfolio requirement beginning in 2026 and expands exemptions for certain large electricity consumers classified as “accelerated renewable buyers.” These changes reduce the practical effect of the Renewable Energy Standard and shift the policy away from its original purpose of encouraging new renewable generation.

Energy policy may evolve over time, but statutory redefinition of terms central to a voter-approved program should be approached cautiously and transparently. Altering the meaning of “renewable energy” after the fact risks undermining the clarity and integrity of Missouri’s existing energy framework.

For these reasons, HB 2807 should not advance in its current form.

Legislative Notice:

Members of the General Assembly should recognize that Missouri’s Renewable Energy Standard originated as a voter-approved initiative through Proposition C (2008).

Legislative amendments that materially redefine “renewable energy resources” or substantially alter the structure of that program may raise questions regarding the preservation of voter intent and the stability of statutory energy policy.

Careful consideration is warranted before modifying a regulatory framework adopted directly by Missouri voters.



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Nuclear power is not renewable energy. The re-definition can mislead the public and policy makers about progress toward truly renewable, sustainable energy sources. The bill reduces statewide renewable energy requirements; I do not support that reduction.



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Please vote NO. While nuclear energy does not produce direct carbon dioxide emissions, it is not without environmental health and safety risks. The uranium needed to create nuclear power is a finite resource, and the mining process has been proven to have negative health impacts for workers and the surrounding communities. Nuclear energy also creates radioactive waste that has previously had devastating impacts on Missouri communities. Nuclear energy is not a sustainable energy source and should not be classified as such under Missouri law.



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HB2807 re-defines nuclear energy as renewable energy. Nuclear energy is NOT a renewable energy source. Listing it as such will confuse the public and policy makers about the progress the state has made toward increasing true renewable energy goals using wind, solar, water and other sources.

HB2807 also undermines Missouri's clean energy standard by dropping the current 15% renewable energy requirement for utilities to 7.5%.

I respectfully urge committee members to vote NO on HB2807.



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