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Legislature Sends Nuclear Energy Bills to Governor with Bipartisan Backing

Landmark Legislation Positions Wisconsin to Lead on Nuclear Energy

Madison, WI — Wisconsin is one step closer to securing a cleaner, more reliable energy future. Today, the State Assembly gave final legislative approval to a trio of bills aimed at positioning Wisconsin as a national leader in next-generation nuclear energy. The package, authored by Senator Julian Bradley (R – New Berlin), Representative David Steffen (R – Howard), and Representative Shae Sortwell (R – Two Rivers), now heads to Governor Evers' desk.

"These bills are about more than energy policy – they're about Wisconsin's future," said Sen. Bradley. "Nuclear energy is clean, safe, and reliable, and it must be part of the equation if we want to power our economy for the long haul."

The package includes legislation that directs the state to complete a nuclear siting study to identify potential communities ideal for nuclear power generation, establishes a nuclear power summit to position Wisconsin as a leader in the field, and declares formal support for nuclear development.

"This is a bold, strategic move for our state," said Rep. Steffen. "As energy demands skyrocket – especially with AI and data infrastructure booming – Wisconsin needs solutions that are scalable and reliable. Nuclear provides exactly that."

Wisconsin already benefits from nuclear power, with Point Beach Nuclear Plant supplying over a million homes and two-thirds of the state's carbon-free electricity. The passage of this legislative package signals that Wisconsin is serious about expanding that role.

"With this package, we're preparing our grid for the future," said Rep. Sortwell. "The nuclear renaissance is here, and Wisconsin is ready to lead it."

The package earned bipartisan support at every step of the legislative process and now needs only a signature from the Governor to take effect. Earlier this year, Governor Evers signaled his support for further nuclear development in the state.