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Legislators Advance Plans for Nuclear Power in Wisconsin

Proposals establish state nuclear siting study and summit

Madison, WI — Today, State Representatives David Steffen (R-Howard), Shae Sortwell (R-Two Rivers), and State Senator Julian Bradley (R-New Berlin) introduced a pair of bills that will lay the groundwork for Wisconsin’s nuclear energy future. These bills build upon the resolution that the lawmakers introduced last month, declaring Wisconsin’s commitment to developing and investing in nuclear power.

“Wisconsin has all the right ingredients to be a nuclear energy leader—from our advanced research and development sectors to our robust manufacturing industry, we are well-positioned to lead on this future energy source. It’s critical that we begin taking the necessary steps today to set the stage for nuclear development and investment so that we can meet the growing energy demands of tomorrow. A siting study and summit are meaningful first-steps in moving nuclear energy and related investments in Wisconsin forward,” said Rep. Steffen.

Under the siting proposal, the state would conduct a nuclear power siting study. The study would work to identify potential host communities for nuclear power generation.

“When looking at anything energy related, we must have something that is safe, reliable, and affordable,” noted Sen. Bradley. “Nuclear checks all 3 boxes and it’s time for Wisconsin to be a leader in this space.”

In addition to identifying potential nuclear generation sites, the siting proposal also establishes an expedited nuclear facility approval process by the state. This will ensure the efficient review of future projects at the state-level.

“Not only is nuclear power safe, reliable, inexpensive and emission free, but with some of the latest developments in nuclear power, we’d be fools if we didn’t support a nuclear future for Wisconsin,” said Rep. Sortwell.

A second proposal will involve the state hosting the “Wisconsin Nuclear Power Summit.” The Summit will bring together industry leaders, subject-matter-experts, investors and public policy officials to showcase Wisconsin’s leadership in the nuclear industry and to help identify next steps for nuclear development in Wisconsin

The bills are currently circulating for co-sponsorship support prior to moving ahead in the legislative process.

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