

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 and 12 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED Senate Bill 1668. Oklahoma should do everything it can to promote the use of alternative energies, particularly homegrown fuels such as natural gas, wind power and biofuels, but it must also be careful in the type of activity it encourages in state law. While nuclear power may hold great promise for Oklahoma in the future, there are still many unanswered questions about its impact on the state energy market and its consumers. Section 2 of this legislation would authorize actions that could serve as incentives for the construction of a nuclear power plant. It would be more appropriate for the state to conduct an intensive study of nuclear power and such incentives before it proceeds any further.

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