Attempts to maintain the Utility Radiological Safety Board's (URSB) ability to make assessments against nuclear electric utilities after they stop producing electricity, by granting URSB authority to make assessments against those utilities based upon the utility decommissioning budgets.

Adds to the definition of "nuclear electric utility" under URSB law persons engaged in the storage of spent nuclear fuel arising from the production of electricity using nuclear energy.

Fiscal effect: Attempts to keep the URSB funded up to a maximum annual level of $2.9 million, as specified in Section 514.10 of the bill, but actual outcomes will depend on whether the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission regards URSB funding as an allowable use of nuclear decommissioning trust fund assets. The provision is only applicable if one or both of Ohio's two nuclear electric facilities ceases operations. FirstEnergy previously announced its Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in Oak Harbor will close by May 31, 2020, and its Perry Nuclear Power Plant in Perry will close by May 31, 2021.
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Specifies the maximum amounts, unless the agency and nuclear electric utility mutually agree to a higher amount by contract, that may be assessed against nuclear electric utilities under RC 4937.05 (B) (2) and deposited into the following funds:
$97,610 in FY 2020 and $101,130 in FY 2021 to the Utility Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 4E40) used by the Department of Agriculture;
$1,300,000 in each of FY 2020 and FY 2021 to the Radiation Emergency Response Fund (Fund 6100) used by the Department of Health;
$276,500 in FY 2020 and $278,500 in FY 2021 to the ER Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 6440) used by the Environmental Protection Agency; and
$1,258,624 in each of FY 2020 and FY 2021 to the Emergency Response Plan Fund (Fund 6570) used by the Department of Public Safety.