From the desk of F Oregon Conservationists Urge You to Vote YES on SB 324-A

Please support SB 324-A, sparking clean energy investments in Oregon and reducing pollution.

SB 324-A lifts the 2015 sunset on Oregon's Clean Fuels Program, a program that requires providers of transportation fuels to reduce the carbon intensity of the fuel mix by 10% within 10 years.

The future of clean air, clean water and healthy communities in Oregon depends on making the right choices about our transportation today. And choices are what Oregonians want. For too long, oil companies have held a monopoly over our transportation priorities and choices.

The time is now for the legislature to deliver on the promise of this program.

By spurring clean fuels innovation, Oregon's Clean Fuels Program will:

- Reduce Oregon's dependence on imported oil, keeping more money in the state
- Grow Oregon's clean energy industry, from electric vehicle manufacturing to cellulosic biofuels
- Help keep us on track to meet our pollution reduction goals

The Clean Fuels Program is an achievable and reasonable policy for Oregon. The program only applies to major transportation fuel providers, allows for a 10 year implementation, provides quality assurance, and gives the DEQ wide discretion to manage costs and protect consumers.

The Pacific Northwest has significant resources to meet rising demand for cleaner fuels. Multiple fuel options – including many Oregon-made fuels – are available to meet the program goals: biodiesel, ethanol, biogas, and electricity, among others.

An independent analysis of Oregon's Clean Fuels Program by Jack Faucett Associates found it could:

- save Oregonians as much as \$1.6 billion in fuel costs
- generate as much as \$2.1 billion in Gross State Product
- create between 800 and 29,000 jobs
- grow personal income by as much as \$2.6 billion

Conservationists urge you to support Oregon's Clean Fuels Program to expand consumer choices and help Oregon's economy prosper while protecting our environment.

Please pass Senate Bill 324-A

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