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House Committee on Climate, Energy & Environment  
Oregon State Capital  
900 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 3590

Dear Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners supports HB 3590 relating to research for the conversion of biomass to low carbon fuels. As a Trust Land County, with productive, healthy and sustainable forests, we support efforts to convert biomass feedstocks (wood slash piles) to low carbon fuels.

The College of Forestry at Oregon State University, in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Quality and the State Forestry Department, is the right partner to lead research to develop the methodologies and data necessary to establish fuel pathways, consistent with the clean fuels program.

Our Board encourages the Committee to support the research and the issuance of findings no later than July 31, 2025 and to support full funding of the research through specific appropriation to the higher Education Coordinating Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Kujala, Chair  
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners