

## Statement to Oregon SB 685

We (Hycamite) appreciate the Senate's concerns and agree that regulations and permitting must be seen as a necessary step to ensure a just and effective transition towards clean and decarbonized future. However, it is as important to commit to making sure that the reporting necessary for these permits is straightforward and allows companies to focus on the fight against climate change, not against piles of papers.

The topics mentioned in the Senate Bill 685 are important to Hycamite and key areas in the development of our technology, methane splitting. As we produce clean hydrogen and solid carbon, topics as safety, impacts on the environment and health and must be considered in all activities.

However, currently in Oregon, these topics are already addressed and are already parts of the permitting required by agencies or programs, such as DEQ and CPP. Including another agency to the permitting process causes delays and unnecessary burden on companies. In our view, the State of Oregon should instead try to move towards one-stop model, where technologies, that are necessary to clean transition, could get all their permits approved from a single agency. This is the route that many countries are taking with clean projects to ensure the efficient transition. Transparency of the processes and necessary reports would lead to the projects being realized sooner, ensuring that emission reduction targets of Oregon are met. The success of these projects also leads to new jobs and market growth in the state.

If the Senate Bill 685 would pass on its current form, Oregon risks slowing down the clean transition by forcing on delays on the projects. As the timeline of the clean transition is already strict, any additional delays may have severe consequences on the people of the state. This might also lead to some companies considering abandoning their projects in the area, due to the CPP's quick implementation and other requirements. This could increase unemployment and have other negative impacts.

We highly suggest the Senate to consider not to pass this bill to ensure the continued great work towards clean transition.