



Joint Committee on Transportation

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of House Bill 3088 by Representative Emerson Levy. My name is Ender Reed and I am a Sr. Public Affairs Manager for Neste, the world's leading producer of sustainable aviation fuel and renewable diesel.

This legislation represents an opportunity for Oregon policy makers to utilize expertise in the aviation field in order to form thoughtful and innovative approaches to address market barriers to the production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in the state. SAF is the best tool in the aviation arsenal to help displace fossil jet fuel and immediately reduce both carbon dioxide (CO2) and non-CO2 emissions. Therefore, we support the formation of the Task Force on Sustainable Aviation and the related study topics outlined in House Bill 3088.

We believe the Task Force on Sustainable Aviation will help to improve the prospect of producing sustainable aviation fuel locally using regionally available sustainable feedstock resources. We strongly support efforts in this bill to create recommendations that could assist the state with regarding SAF infrastructure planning, research, development, demonstration, engineering designs, production facilities, and blending equipment. This bill represents an important step in positioning Oregon to be a leader in the global quest to decarbonize commercial aviation.

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Neste Background: Neste uses science and innovative technology to transform waste and other resources into renewable fuels and circular raw materials. The company creates solutions for mitigating climate change and accelerating a shift to a circular economy. Being the world's leading producer of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) and renewable diesel and a forerunner in developing renewable and circular feedstock solutions for polymers and chemicals, the company aims to help its customers to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by at least 20 million tons annually by 2030.

Neste is committed to reaching carbon-neutral production by 2035 and will reduce the carbon emission intensity of sold products by 50% by 2040. Neste has also set high standards for biodiversity, human rights and the supply chain. The company has consistently been included in the CDP and the DJSI lists of the world's most sustainable companies.