

June 5, 2025

Senator Kayse Jama, Chair, Senate Rules Committee
Senator Daniel Bonham, Vice Chair, Senate Rules Committee
Members of the Senate Rules Committee

Re: Opposition to SB 1034 and the -3 Amendment

Chair Jama, Vice Chair Bonham, and Members of the Senate Rules Committee,


NXTClean Fuels, Inc., ("NXT") a developer of large-scale renewable fuel and clean hydrogen production facilities, **strongly opposes SB 1034 and the – 3 amendment** and urges you to vote against this effort to further complicate what is already a lengthy, complex, often contradictory, and ultimately highly challenging Oregon project approval process.

Since early 2018, NXT has been developing what will be one of the world's largest, lowest carbon intensity, Renewable Diesel and Sustainable Aviation Fuel ("SAF") production facilities at Port Westward in Columbia County. We have experienced firsthand the challenges of the Oregon permitting regime, one that in the name of full transparency and maximum public input (both of which we support) has metastasized into a confusing and overlapping system tailored for manipulation by those sophisticated in the art of project delay and defeat.

EFSC's ability to issue their approvals over local opposition when such approval complies with state land use and provides broader public benefit, is a key point of comfort to developers navigating the Oregon permitting process. Without it, sophisticated opponents, many of which are not resident nor have any real ties to the communities in question, can generate hyper-local opposition sufficient to materially delay permit approval of key infrastructure projects. These delays, and the costs associated with them, are often fatal to large scale development. As the adage goes, **"Time kills every deal"**. This is a fact that project opponents know well, and that they have historically weaponized to great effect.

For this reason, we **urge you to vote no on SB 1034 and the – 3 amendment**. Project developers in Oregon know coming in that they risk "a death by a thousand cuts". Please don't add to this challenge.

Sincerely,



Christopher Efird
Founder, Chairperson and CEO
NXTClean Fuels, Inc.