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Members of committee, my name is Alex Wall and I am a volunteer member of Environmental Entrepreneurs, known as E2. I'm here in support of the Clean Fuels Program (CFP) and removing its sunset.

We know that alternative fuels can be good for our health, but I'm here to talk about the program's **economic implications**.

According to two recent studies, one by E2 and another independent research group, the International Council on Clean Transportation, the CFP's goals are achievable through the duration of this proposed program and beyond, especially when accounting for similar programs in California, British Columbia, and possibly Washington. This aggregation of demand in our region only fosters stronger market signals to which investors and producers will naturally respond.

On price, neither the BC nor California programs have impacted prices discernibly, with the California program costing less than **one penny per gallon** this year. This contrasts sharply with industry warnings of potential price spikes prior to the implementation of those programs. Regardless, Oregon's DEQ has thoughtfully responded to this concern, inserting a **price safety valve** in the program to protect against unintended consumer impacts.

Because Oregon has no in-state refining capacity, the CFP provides only economic upside to Oregonians. The program encourages local fuels production, and according to Jack Faucett Associates, **will create up to 29,000 jobs**.

My group studies investments in the clean fuels market, and estimates that \$4 billion in private funding has been invested into the sector's most advanced fuels. Some of this **investment should be coming to Oregon**, but it only will if there is an appropriate, predictable price signal in place as provided by the CFP.

Finally, ICF international did a comprehensive economic analysis last year of California's LCFS, finding that it will create **\$1.4 – \$4.8 billion dollars** in value to that state's economy through enhanced energy security, reduced climate change impacts, less pollution and better public health.

For the good of Oregon's economy, I encourage you to support the Clean Fuels Program and pass this bill.

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