

# Tillamook Area Chamber of commerce

January 30, 2015

Re: Low Carbon Fuel Standard (SB 324)

Dear Chair Edwards & Members of the Senate Environment Committee,

Thank you for representing the citizens and businesses of Tillamook County. For your consideration, the Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce has taken a position of opposing the Low Carbon Fuel Standard.

SB 324 will increase gas prices significantly. It is, in reality, a very significant and hidden gas tax and local private industry sees that clearly. As you are aware Tillamook County has made a significant effort to boost tourism this past year, low gas prices have made a significant positive impact on that according to word from our local industry. I urge you to not take part in setting back our efforts literally overnight with the passage of SB 324.

We encourage you to stand strong with your constituents here on the coast, with the understanding that Tillamook County will see no positive impact from SB 324. Manufacturing industry exporting is already at a significant disadvantage being on the Oregon coast, detached from rail and interstate and significant fuel regulations will have a negative impact on our local business community.

Although the Chambers focus is primarily business we are concerned of the social aspects that surround this bill also. Tillamook County continues to have a high low income population and this bill effectively causes them to shoulder a cost disproportionate to their benefit.

The Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce strongly urges you remain supportive of your constituents, both citizens and businesses, and vote 'no' on SB 324. The costs of the legislation far outweigh any benefits to Tillamook County.

Sincerely,



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