

Oregonians urge Lawmakers to Support Senate Bill 324 For Oregon's Economy, Consumer choice, and Public health

In recent months, dozens of Oregonians have written in to papers around the state to express their support for Oregon's Clean Fuels Program. Here is a small sample of their reasons.

"By requiring oil importers to reduce their pollution and open the fuel market beyond gas and diesel, Oregon's Clean Fuels Program will increase access to cleaner-burning fuel sources, help solidify Oregon as a clean fuel leader, and support local and regional jobs. **Lawmakers were smart to create the Clean Fuels Program — and for the sake of Oregon's economy, jobs and environment, they should reauthorize it**¹." – Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian, *Register Guard* (1/24/15)

"Businesses will always innovate, but we need the state to do its part and take the next steps. With consistent and supportive policy from Oregon, **businesses can continue to invest** in development, production, and infrastructure to support Oregonians' fuel choice, build out a clean energy economy with local jobs, and support cleaner air for us all²." – Rita Hansen, *Cascade Business Journal* (1/21/15)

"The program is well designed. It doesn't pick winners and losers, but **rather lets the right transportation solution emerge for the right sector**. This program will benefit Oregon's economy, create new jobs with the investment staying in the state, clean up our air and give Oregonians more clean fuel choices.³" – Andrea Durbin, Doug Moore, and Gavin Carpenter, *Statesman Journal* (2/26/15)

"Nowhere more than Eastern Oregon can demonstrate how the clean fuel industry is taking off and what opportunities we have to expand further. Agriculture and timber byproducts are supplying the next generation of renewable fuels for reduced pollution and cleaner air — and **creating jobs and putting money into Oregonians' pocket while doing so**⁴." – Tom Koehler, *East Oregonian* (2/14/15)

"Over one-third of greenhouse gases in Oregon come from transportation. Implementing the CFP effectively will reduce these gases, creating significant health benefits for everyone. Longtime opponents of the CFP are exploiting current political realities to try to taint the program. In reality, all independent studies show that it will create a safer, greener state. What could be more Oregonian than that?⁵" – Robert Hulshof-Schmidt, *Oregonian* (2/27/15)

"The LCFS encourages greater production of low-carbon fuels like ethanol and biodiesel and other renewable fuels that have been in development for most of the last decade... **We are succeeding at producing renewable energy and will get better**. Trying to suppress renewables and clinging to fossil fuels is not productive.⁶" – Kirk Leonard, *Statesman Journal* (2/26/15)

"SB 324 is a worthy attempt by Oregon lawmakers to **directly mitigate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions** and position the state as a leader in the fight against climate change⁷." – Mike McGee, *Portland Business Journal* (2/26/15)

¹ <http://registerguard.com/rg/opinion/32674994-78/clean-fuels-help-economy-as-well-as-environment.html.csp>

² <http://cascadepublicnews.com/time-open-fuel-market-oregon/>

³ <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/opinion/editorials/2015/02/26/oregon-clean-fuels-program-numbers/24089541/>

⁴ <http://www.eastoregonian.com/eo/columnists/20150213/koehler-renew-clean-fuels-program-for-eastern-oregon-economy-and-jobs>

⁵ http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/02/clean_fuels_program_what_could.html

⁶ <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/opinion/readers/2015/02/26/low-carbon-fuel-standard-encourages-sustainable-future/24093289/>

⁷ <http://www.bizjournals.com/portland/blog/sbo/2015/02/columnpay-for-climate-change-now-or-pay-later.html?page=3>

"In other places where a clean fuels program is operating, there's no evidence that it has driven the near-term price of gasoline up. Instead, **it is giving consumers in those states more fuel choices, something that will be especially welcome when today's low oil prices spike up again**⁸." - Angus Duncan, *Oregonian* (12/27/14)

"Oregon's economy is larger than the economies of three-quarters of the world's countries (larger than Portugal, Iraq, Hungary, Vietnam, or Pakistan.) Furthermore, we're not acting alone; we're working **joining in efforts with our West Coast neighbors of California, Washington, and British Columbia** - together, the world's fifth largest economy. Oregon needs cleaner fuels. The world needs action on the climate crisis. Let's take this step⁹." - Evan Manvel, *Blue Oregon* (2/9/15)

"In California, where the Low Carbon Fuel Standard was the first program of this type, there have been reports that use of low carbon fuels is up, and that the state is on track to meet its carbon reduction target from transportation fuels¹⁰." - Elizabeth Hardee, *Portland Business Journal* (1/27/15)

"Endorsing clean fuels won't have an impact? Tell that to schools like Linn-Benton Community College in Lebanon, which is **training a new generation of mechanics on multiple clean-fuel technologies**. Or tell it to farmers, police departments and municipal governments in Oregon that are switching to alternative fuels for their fleets.¹¹" - Jennifer Siler, *Oregonian* (1/18/15)

"Clean fuels standards are a very effective way to improve efficiency and reduce emissions--an extremely high priority for many reasons. We need to join other West Coast states, for whom programs like this have worked beautifully, and help lead on developing a post-carbon economy¹²." - Joel Nigg, *Oregonian* (12/18/14)

"As part of this health care system we should do far more than treat symptoms and fight disease. We should holistically recognize the key roles that lifestyle and environment play in human health. That's why **we should not passively just hope for the best as Oregon considers important policies to reduce air pollution and respond to climate change**¹³." - Robert Gottee, *Portland Business Journal* (12/13/14)

"When gas prices veer upwards or spike, the cost of just getting through the week can feel completely out of our control. **Oregon consumers have an opportunity to reclaim control when it comes to the cost of driving**. Cleaner and more affordable fuel options are available now. It's time to bring them to Oregon¹⁴." - Shannon Baker-Bretstetter, *Statesman Journal* (12/5/14)

"It is no secret that Oregon needs jobs... Oregon does not have the fossil fuel industries here that are credited with driving other states' recent economic growth, like North Dakota and Texas oil or Wyoming coal. We don't have oil refineries, like Washington and California. **What Oregon does have is the potential to lead the development** of advanced biofuels, electric vehicles, natural gas, propane and other alternative fuels and **create a homegrown industry** that captures a portion of the billions we spend on gasoline every year¹⁵." - Harrison Pettit, *Oregonian* (10/16/14)

⁸ http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2014/12/clean_fuels_program_is_a_worth.html

⁹ <http://www.blueoregon.com/2015/02/clean-fuels-just-make-sense/>

¹⁰ <http://www.bizjournals.com/portland/blog/sbo/2015/01/column-cleaner-fuels-benefit-all-oregonians.html>

¹¹ http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/01/clean_fuels_for_the_oregonian.html#incart_related_stories

¹² http://blog.oregonlive.com/myoregon/2014/12/oregon_should_help_lead_develo.html

¹³ http://www.bizjournals.com/portland/print-edition/2014/12/12/guest-opinion-modas-ceo-makes-the-public-health.html?iana=ind_energy&page=all

¹⁴ <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/opinion/readers/2014/12/06/time-expand-freedom-choice-options-pump/19924511/>

¹⁵ http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2014/10/lawmakers_should_extend_clean.html