



From the Desk of
Representative
Val Hoyle

March 4, 2015

Honorable Members of the Oregon House of Representatives:

The City of Eugene supports Senate Bill 324-A and urges the House of Representatives to pass this bill. This bill is consistent with City of Eugene adopted policies, including our recently adopted Climate Recovery Ordinance. The Climate Recovery Ordinance codified two goals:

- 1) to reduce community fossil fuel use 50% by 2030;
- 2) to make city operations/facilities carbon neutral by 2020.

Transportation fuels used for passenger travel represent roughly 25% of our community fossil fuel use. Reducing the carbon intensity of fuel by reducing the fossil fuel content will be important for reaching our community goal.

Reducing the fossil fuel content of transportation fuels is also a key component in our Scenario Planning effort required by the Jobs and Transportation Act (House Bill 2001, passed in 2009). That legislation requires Eugene and the metropolitan region to develop a scenario to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) from light duty vehicles by 20%. Local action to reduce GHGs will be more easily achieved if the clean fuel standard is in place.

The City of Eugene is a strong supporter of using biofuels. We use B20 in our city fleet, for vehicles from maintenance trucks to fire apparatus. Fleet vehicles at our regional waste water treatment plant use B50 fuel. Biofuels are a fuel technology that makes sense and works well for our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Kitty Piercy
Mayor of Eugene