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AFSCME urges You to Support SB 324



Oregon AFSCME represents more than 24,000 members around the state. Many of our members work for environmental agencies or in the conservation and environmental services departments of local governments. Our members see first-hand how important livability is to our way of life in Oregon, and they strongly support this bill. We believe that Oregon must address the pollution that will destabilize our climate and undercut our natural resource-based economy, while safeguarding prosperity and opportunity for all working families. We can both promote our clean air and create local, family-wage jobs by supporting clean fuels development.

In addition to environmental agency workers, we also represent thousands of public health and health care professionals. The climate crisis is creating a public health crisis, forcing nurses and health care workers to join the ranks of others working on the front lines of climate change. Oregonians suffer from diseases like asthma, heart disease, and cancer that are caused by vehicle pollution. Such health problems disproportionately affect the most vulnerable members of our community - children, the elderly, low-income communities, and communities of color. They also take people out of the workforce and run up health care expenses, with asthma alone costing Oregon millions in hospital visits.

Please support SB 234 and help Oregon move forward into a cleaner and better future.

Please Vote Yes on SB 324.