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We found common ground on the Clean Fuels Standard, a way forward to maintain the core integrity of the program and to codify and clarify consumer protections in the rule-making process and already in the law.

Clean Fuels will continue to be one of Oregon's signature clean air protections; it allows clean fuels businesses to compete, invest and grow in our state; and provide additional protections to consumers during the transition to cleaner fuels made closer to home.

One part of consumer protection is ensuring that regulated parties do not gouge consumers under the guise of complying with the program. In Section 162, agencies will track the highest cost of compliance to ensure that oil companies are not exceeding that and passing through artificially high prices to customers at the pump. If that happens, the agency must be able to take action and protect consumers.

In Section 163, DAS will examine barriers to expansion of clean fuels and make recommendations for how to alleviate those barriers.

In Section 169, the agency has the ability to respond to market volatility to both protect consumers, but also to stabilize the market to ensure that clean fuel businesses are not being harmed and that Oregon remains an attractive marketplace for innovative fuels that reduce pollution and provide consumers with more choice.

In Section 170, the agency will track and report on the progress of the program, including the environmental, economic, health and other benefits derived from using more clean fuels.