



February 13, 2020

**TO:** Chair Dembrow and Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

**RE:** Port of Portland supports SB 1530

Senator Dembrow and Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

The Port of Portland (Port) supports SB 1530, the Oregon Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Oregon's economy.

As a leader in regional transportation, the Port has long supported the state's climate initiatives, including the Low Carbon Fuels Program and Zero Emission Vehicle goals. We have made significant investments to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with our own operations, including purchasing 100% renewable power for the Port, repowering the Dredge Oregon, providing ground power at all jet bridges to allow aircraft to shut down their engines, converting our shuttle bus fleet to cleaner fuels, installing EV charging stations for PDX travelers and employees and using B20 biodiesel for PDX airport operations. Overall, the Port's carbon emissions in 2018 were 67% below 1990 emissions levels.

Climate change continues to be one of the most important challenges of our time. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), unprecedented reductions in greenhouse gases are needed to avoid catastrophic climate impacts, requiring rapid and far-reaching transitions in energy, transportation and industry. It is a challenge on a global scale, with significant impacts at the local level, and policy makers and citizens worldwide will need to come together to ensure we can leave a live-able place to our children, and their children as well.

In Oregon – where we have seen the impacts of climate change by witnessing ever more destructive wildfires year after year – policy makers and citizens have come together to craft SB 1530 creating a meaningful and impactful step in the right direction and will enable Oregon to meet the state's greenhouse gas emission goals in the future.

Chair Dembrow  
Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
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I applaud the leadership that the Governor, her office, and legislators on all sides of this debate have shown by continuing to address this issue. SB 1530 creates a policy framework that reflects the economic, geographic and social diversity of the state, includes strong accountability and oversight measures and provides transitional assistance for many sectors of Oregon's economy.

I urge you to support SB 1530.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Robinhold". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "R".

Curtis Robinhold  
Executive Director