

February 1, 2021

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Comments on the 2021 Clean Fuels Program Electricity Rulemaking

To whom it may concern,

We are writing in support of SB 314 as a tool for catalyzing alternative fuel adoption and deployment across IOU territories within Oregon.

The Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition (CWCCC) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, US Department of Energy program, and public-private partnership with fleets operating in Oregon and Southern Washington. For over 25 years we have provided resources, support, and "fuel agnostic" expertise to help their public and private fleet members navigate and adopt alternative fuel and fleet efficiency solutions.

Expansion of prudent infrastructure for alternative fuels, such as infrastructure necessary to facilitate electric vehicle charging and renewable natural gas vehicle refueling, is critical to achieving Oregon's climate, economic, and energy security goals. High upfront capital costs are one of the largest barriers facing greater alternative fuels infrastructure deployment, in addition to education and information around such fuels. And it should go without saying that fueling infrastructure is critical for vehicle adoption. SB 314 seeks to address this barrier.

Our organization has focused largely on addressing education and information barriers around alternative fuels, while also laying the groundwork through corridor designation and infrastructure planning initiatives including work on the West Coast Collaborative's Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Coordinating Council – a now five-state regional coalition identifying alternative fueling infrastructure needs and interest along FHWA-designated alternative fuel corridors.<sup>1</sup> However, to date, little has been done to mitigate the high costs of alternative fuel infrastructure in Oregon and make these plans a reality.


Tools such as the proposed SB 314 are sorely needed to address this barrier by mobilizing investor-owned utility investments in alternative fuel infrastructure. Realizing greater alternative fuel adoption can in-turn help deliver on the State's aggressive climate goals, clean air ambitions, provide enhanced energy resilience, and function as lower-cost and more stable substitutes for Oregonians when compared with traditional petroleum options.

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<sup>1</sup> WCC AFICC - <https://westcoastcollaborative.org/workgroup/wkgrp-fuels.htm>

We thank you for the opportunity to express our support for initiatives such as SB 314 and help catalyze alternative fuel adoption here in Oregon. We look forward to continued collaboration and are happy to answer additional questions or provide comments as needed.

Yours Very Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian D. Trice". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "B" and "T".

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