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Good afternoon, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment.

I appreciate the opportunity to share testimony with you regarding SB 803, Better Fuels Oregon. My name is Bridget Dazey, and I am the Executive Director of Clackamas Workforce Partnership. Senate Bill 803 would be a significant step for Oregon, that will help our state develop a workforce that is more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

Senate Bill 803, which was sponsored by the Committee on Energy and Environment, establishes a standard for carbon intensity and other characteristics of diesel fuel used in on-road motor vehicles, as well as timelines for the Oregon fuel standard to apply to different regions of the state. This legislation is important because it will help Oregon transition to renewable energy sources and reduce emissions from motor vehicles and considers timeline that meets the different needs of rural and urban communities. It requires diesel fuel sold or offered for sale for use in a motor vehicle to meet the Oregon renewable fuel standard on or after January 1, 2026, for diesel fuel sold at a seller's establishment located in Clackamas, Washington, or Multnomah County, and by January 1, 2030, for diesel fuel sold anywhere in the state.

The bill also includes provisions for suspending enforcement of the requirement if the supply of fuels that meet the Oregon renewable fuel standard is insufficient to meet anticipated demand, or if the price of fuels that meet the standard exceeds the price of petroleum diesel.

The adoption of this legislation will have a positive impact on workforce development in the state of Oregon. By transitioning to renewable energy sources, Oregon will become a leader in environmental sustainability, thereby increasing the demand for workers in green energy and other related fields. Also, Oregonians will be healthier overall as we move away from fossil fuels, which means they will be able to participate in the workforce in with more regularity.

In addition to increasing job opportunities in renewable energy and other related fields, SB 803 will also have a positive impact on Oregon's economy. This legislation will encourage businesses to invest in renewable energy sources, which will result in more money circulating in the state's economy. Furthermore, it will also reduce the costs



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associated with emissions from motor vehicles, thus resulting in cost savings for businesses and consumers alike. By passing SB 803, Oregon will be taking a step towards a more sustainable future. But please make sure to also help support low-income Oregonians and small businesses through this transition for vehicle upgrades. This bill will create more jobs and opportunities for Oregonians, boost the state's economy, and reduce emissions from motor vehicles. I urge you to support this important piece of legislation and help Oregon transition to a cleaner and more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Bridget Dazey, Executive Director, CWP

About Clackamas Workforce Partnership

Clackamas Workforce Partnership is part of a statewide network of more than 200 community leaders, representing business, labor, community-based, education, public sector, and elected officials from Oregon's nine Local Workforce Development areas. Oregon has a unified workforce development system, branded as WorkSource Oregon (WSO), that provides a flexible, integrated one-stop service delivery model. Local Workforce Boards coordinate, oversee, and invest in the local WSO centers to ensure that all Oregonians have the skills, training and support they need to get family-sustaining jobs and meet the talent needs of local industry.