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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Co-chairs McLain and Gorsek and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

For the record, my name is Emerson Levy, and I am the State Representative for Central Oregon. I am here today to support HB 3088 and its forthcoming amendment to create an Oregon task force, to be hosted by Oregon State University, to look at the economic opportunities for production and purchase of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) within our state.

Oregon has a lot of the “right stuff” necessary to lean into the production and adoption of alternative fuels: a low-carbon fuel standard that creates a market for credits; myriad sources of feedstock, including from food processing, agriculture, forestry and aquaculture; a business community motivated to decarbonize; and access to national and international markets.

Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) is aviation’s best chance to decarbonize flight in the near future. House Bill 3088 will set up a forum for industry, advocates and academics to further the development of SAF as a productive industry in Oregon. This is an opportunity to align Oregon’s interest in SAF production with its climate goals and broader clean fuel policy with other West Coast States, which will help drive low carbon fuel deployment in our region.

Oregon needs to examine its economic opportunities with SAF. After several years of work, a task force in Washington State recently [produced a report](#) outlining how our neighbor to the north could greatly benefit from encouraging the industry to grow. California recently [signed an agreement](#) with Airlines for America to accelerate the use of SAF in the state, aiming to produce nearly 200 million gallons of SAF by 2035.

House Bill 3088 will allow industry and advocates to come together to chart a path for Oregon to capitalize on the future of fuels, while also accelerating the production of SAF, an important tool for decarbonizing the aviation industry. We

are working to refine amendments to clarify the membership and charge of the task force. Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Levy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping tail.

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