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Chair Edwards and members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

Waste Management (WM) supports SB 324. In Oregon, the company provides solid waste residential and business collection services, operates two transfer stations in the Metro region, has a vibrant recycling program including advanced material recovery of dry waste, and operates two subtitle D solid waste landfills. Also, WM has invested in two compressed natural gas fueling stations in NE Portland and Forest Grove to fuel solid waste collection vehicles. While these vehicles are more expensive to purchased compared to traditional trucks, the overall contribution to the environment is significant.

WM has been a proponent of the California clean fuels program from the beginning.

At the two landfills, WM has invested in an extensive infrastructure to collect methane gas to provide power to the residents of McMinnville and Seattle. WM continues to make additional investments in turbines to power more homes and businesses.

In the future, with enactment of SB 324, the company through incentives may invest in new facilities to fuel vehicles pertaining to the operations of the landfills. Without a clean fuels program such investments do not pencil out.

Thank you for considering our position.

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