

AFSCME urges You to Support SB 324



Oregon AFSCME represents just over 24,000 members around the state. Many of our members work for environment agencies or in the conservation and environment services departments of local governments and they see first-hand on how important livability is to our way of life in Oregon. They strongly support this bill. We believe that Oregon must address the pollution that will destabilize our climate and undercut our natural resource based economy, while safeguarding prosperity and opportunity for all working families. It is possible to safeguard climate and create local, family-wage jobs by supporting clean fuels development.

In addition to environment agency workers we also represent thousands of public health and health care professionals and it is with eye to those workers that we also support this bill. The climate crisis is creating a public health crisis, forcing nurses and health care workers to join the ranks of others working on the front lines of climate change. Oregonians suffer from the respiratory diseases like asthma, as well as heart disease and cancer caused by vehicle pollution. Such health problems disproportionately affect the most vulnerable members of our community - children, the elderly, low-income communities, and communities of color. They also take people out of the workforce and run up health care expenses, with asthma alone costing Oregon millions in hospital visits.

Please support SB 234 and help Oregon move forward into a cleaner and better future.

Please Vote Yes on SB 234.

From the desk of
Senator Michael Dembrow
