

From the desk of  
Representative Chris Gorsek



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Members of the Oregon House  
Oregon Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Members:

The Port of Portland (Port) appreciates the opportunity to support SB 324. The Port's mission is to enhance the region's economy and quality of life by providing efficient cargo and air passenger access to national and global markets. Clean fuels play a critical role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transportation sources, and reduce dependence on fossil fuels. Implementation of a clean fuels program will help provide the clean fuels industry with certainty that encourages equity and financial investments in clean fuels projects, allowing the industry to grow. We are aware of the challenges around implementation and are committed to continue working with stakeholders to achieve practical implementation of this policy.

We acknowledge that we are headed toward a low carbon future and as such, the Port has been working for years on a variety of alternative fuels programs. Clean fuels have been incorporated as a key component of Oregon greenhouse gas reduction initiatives designed to help the state meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals, such as the Oregon Global Warming Commission's Roadmap to 2020 and Oregon's 10- year Energy Action Plan. Clean fuels have been incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Strategy. Clean fuels will help achieve other important objectives, such as reducing toxic air pollutants from transportation, a priority of the Portland Air Toxics Solutions project.

We urge the passage of SB 324.

Sincerely,

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Port of Portland