



from the desk of
Rep. Jessica Vega Pederson

Vote Aye on SB 324

Businesses support the Oregon Clean Fuels Program

Why it Matters

Schools, sheriffs offices and small businesses around the state are having to choose between paying for teachers, officers, and employers, or paying ever-increasing gasoline and diesel bills. Our company, Blue Star Gas, has worked with numerous companies and local governments throughout the region to help them convert to propane Autogas. Most recently, we helped the Polk County Sheriff's office convert their fleet to run on propane Autogas. It's reliable, fast-fueling and will save thousands of dollars in fuel costs every year. On average Autogas saves customers over \$1.25 per gallon of fuel. In Oregon, it's saved our customers about \$1.50 per gallon over the last four years.

Why the Oregon Clean Fuels Program?

1. The Clean Fuels Program is technology neutral. It allows a variety of fuel types, from Autogas to electricity, to compete in the Oregon clean fuels marketplace.
2. Even with cost advantages, clean fuels face barriers in the U.S. Autogas is a proven fuel and is the third most widely used vehicle fuel in the world, with 24 million vehicles running on it, behind conventional gasoline and diesel. Yet in the U.S., most people are unaware of Autogas as a transportation fuel.

Why now?

1. The window of opportunity for the Clean Fuels Program is closing.
2. Companies are deciding where to invest. California has an operational program. Oregon does not.
3. Some early adopters, like The Schwann Company and Franz Bakery, have been using Autogas since the oil embargo of the 1970s. They didn't want their fate dictated by relying on an unstable fuel supply. While early movers often reap the benefits of their innovation, it takes a larger program to realize broader benefits for a state like Oregon.
4. Only a statewide program provides the type of certainty needed for larger-scale investments that will create jobs and make alternative fuel infrastructure widely available. That's how we reach the tipping point for making alternative fuels viable, breaking our oil dependence, and helping to turn Oregon's economy around. We need economic development and we need this program now.

VOTE YES FOR CLEAN FUELS DEVELOPMENT IN OREGON