

February 24, 2020

Senate Environment, Energy, and Technology Committee
422 J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA 98504-0466

Re: Support for E2SHB 1110

Members of the Committee:

The Port of Seattle urges your continued progress toward securing enactment of a statewide Clean Fuels Standard by advancing E2SHB 1110.

The impacts of climate change on our businesses, communities and environment are increasingly apparent and need to be addressed decisively. The experience of our neighboring West Coast states clearly demonstrates that clean fuels standard policies cost-effectively reduce pollution and create jobs. California has displaced more than fifteen billion gallons of petroleum fuel since enacting its standard in 2011, and more than thirty new biorefinery projects have been announced to serve that market.¹ Oregon has eliminated more than 1.7 million metric tons of CO₂.²

Washington has 138 public airports in 37 of its 39 counties. Our deep, protected harbors and proximity to markets along the Pacific Rim have afforded us natural advantages in maritime trade which underpin our economy. At the Port, we're committed to reducing the impacts of trade and travel on our health, environment and climate. In Washington state, the entire transportation sector, which includes aviation, cars, trucks, boats, and trains, is responsible for 40 percent of our state's carbon emissions.³

Importantly, despite assertions otherwise, the US Energy Information Agency (EIA) shows that gas prices in Los Angeles California are approximately 40 cents per gallon lower today than the average price when the standard was introduced in 2011.⁴ Remarkably, the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) also reports that in January, the nation's most profitable gasoline sales were made by the refineries serving communities between Everett and Vancouver, which reported on average a *61 cent per gallon margin for gasoline and 70 cents for diesel - substantially more than even the most extreme claims of costs associated with a clean fuels standard.*⁵

¹ <https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs/dashboard/dashboard.htm>

² Oregon's Greenhouse Gas Emissions through 2015: An assessment of Oregon's sector-based and consumption-based greenhouse gas emissions. May 2018.

³ Washington Department of Ecology. Washington State Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory: 1990-2015. Report to the Legislature, 2018. <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/1802043.html>.

⁴ https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet_pri_gnd_dcus_y051a_w.htm

⁵ OPIS Retail Fuel Watch, January 16, 2020.

The Port of Seattle Commission has set aggressive goals for reducing the carbon emissions associated with our operations and facilities. Central to those goals is our pursuit of having Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) comprise 10 percent of the fuel used at Sea-Tac Airport by 2028. In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, renewable fuels significantly reduce particulates and other pollutants from all forms of transportation. Studies have shown that these alternative fuels reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 80 percent, and fine particulate emissions up to 70% which will improve the air quality in some of our communities most burdened by air pollution.^{6,7,8}

Washington state is a global leader in aviation, maritime and alternative energy innovation, supporting thousands of jobs across many economic sectors throughout the region. A statewide Clean Fuels Standard will reduce impacts on our climate, environment and communities while supporting broad-based economic activity and promoting the jobs of the future.

For these reasons, we urge the passage of E2SHB 1110 through the Senate Environment, Energy, and Technology Committee and are prepared to assist in its passage through the full Senate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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President
Port of Seattle Commission



Stephanie Bowman
Commissioner



Ryan Calkins
Commissioner



Fred Felleman
Commissioner



Sam Cho
Commissioner



Stephen P. Metruck
Executive Director

⁶ International Air Transport Association (IATA). Sustainable Aviation Fuels. Fact Sheet 5.
<https://www.iata.org/en/programs/environment/sustainable-aviation-fuels/>

⁷ STATE OF THE INDUSTRY REPORT ON AIR QUALITY EMISSIONS FROM SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE JET FUELS. Prepared for: ACRP 02-80Transportation Research Board of The National Academies.

⁸ Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and Western WA Clean Cities. Renewable Diesel in Washington.
<https://pscleanair.gov/300/Documents>.