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## **House Democrats Reject Republican Effort to Gut Clean Fuels Program and Destroy the Energy Trust of Oregon**

(12:04pm) – In the debate over passage of Oregon’s Clean Fuels Program on the floor of the House, Democrats rejected a Republican attempt to replace the carbon reduction program with a last-minute amendment.

House Republicans attempted to replace the Clean Fuels Program with an amendment that would have dissolved the program, gutted the budget of the Energy Trust of Oregon, and would have required a three-fifths majority because it created a tax.

During debate on the motion, Rep. David Gomberg (D-Central Coast) detailed numerous Energy Trust projects that have saved Oregonians money and reduced energy use. Those projects include Hood River Middle School, which became the first public school in the nation to go net-zero for energy use; Roseburg Forest Products, which has saved millions in energy costs, and farmers in Klamath County who’ve saved on irrigation costs.

The budget for the Energy Trust would have been cut in half under the Republicans’ minority report.

The amendment failed 35-25. The debate on SB 324 continues on the floor.

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