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## **Senator Olsen responds to accusation of 'theoretical claims' made by opponents of SB 324**

Salem, OR - Today, Senator Alan Olsen (R-Canby) released the following statement regarding the Senate Environment and Natural Resource Committee Chair's comments on yesterday's SB 324 public hearing.

"If the Chair truly believes opponents of SB 324 made 'theoretical claims based on incomplete information' in yesterday's hearing, he should respond by inviting industry experts to share accurate and credible information about the economic impact of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard," said Senator Olsen. "Instead of fast tracking this issue through the legislative process, it is the responsibility of the Chair to help the committee understand how businesses that rely on transportation of their goods will be affected by the Low Carbon Fuel Standard mandates. Dismissing the opposition's concerns is offensive to hard working Oregonians. The Committee deserves to know the truth about how the increase in fuel prices from this hidden gas tax will affect businesses and consumers."

"If proponents of this bill are right in claiming that the Low Carbon Fuel Standard will result in a home grown renewable energy industry, we want to see proof that the benefits of the credit market will truly go to Oregon companies," explained Senator Olsen. "If we're serious about incentivizing renewable energy, we can't send the benefits to out-of-state special interests while harming Oregonians."

SB 324 is scheduled for a second public hearing and possible work session on Wednesday, February 4th at 3:00 p.m.

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