

Clem Celebrates Passage of Biofuels Plan

Biofuels legislation package is designed to jumpstart Oregon biofuels industry, create Oregon jobs

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SALEM-State Representative Brian Clem (D-Salem) celebrated House approval of a biofuels legislation package championed by House Democrats with broad bi-partisan support. The "Renew Oregon Plan" aims to jumpstart the biofuels industry in Oregon, create new agricultural and manufacturing jobs, decrease Oregon's dependence on imported fuel and combat global warming.

"I made a commitment when I ran for office to create jobs and grow business in this state by providing the Oregon agricultural and manufacturing industries with incentives for building a biofuels market in Oregon and utilizing alternative energy," said Clem. "Today I am proud to have made good on that promise."

The Renew Oregon Plan--House Bills 2210, 2211, 2212--would:

- Create and expand tax incentives for producers of ethanol and biofuels, producers and collectors of biomass used to produce biofuels and for consumers of biofuels.
- Expand the incentives allowed for businesses and manufacturers who use renewable energy resources or equipment and provides new incentives to home builders who include energy saving measures in the construction of new homes.
- Provide residential consumers with additional tax credits for the use of multiple energy efficient appliances, fuel cells and wind generation.

"Reducing our dependence on foreign oil and increasing the development of alternative fuels is good for the environment and a great way to grown Oregon's economy for the future," Clem said.

The Renew Oregon Plan now moves to the Oregon Senate for approval.

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