



Senator Janeen Sollman, Chair
Senator Lynn Findley, Vice Chair
Senate Energy & Environment Committee

Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Findley and members of the Committee, as Chair of the Clackamas Heritage Partners, I write today in support of Senator Meek's Abernethy Green Pilot Project. I am a neighbor at Abernethy Green and a businessperson who believes strongly that public private partnerships can result in many, many successful outcomes.

At the north end of Oregon City, we have a former landfill that has been decomposing for 40 years and we have a local private developer working with the community on a collective vision for those 62 acres. His team has worked with this community for over three years and the mixed-use development with over 500 housing units, retail, park areas, wetlands, family oriented entertainment, community gathering areas and a connection to the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretative Center is exactly what this growing city needs.

The blighted area which for 14 years took in 60% of the Portland Metro region's solid waste will need Brownfield clean-up and mitigation. Public support will be necessary if a private developer is ever going to be able to turn the pile of trash sitting and further decomposing into something this area sorely needs.

SB 630 would help turn those 62 acres into an asset for this whole area. I am confident that once again, there can be another successful outcome when smart public and private heads come together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Fowler
Chair, Clackamas Heritage Partners