

Testimony for Tom Wolf
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Good morning. Thank you Chair Rolfes, ranking member Wilson and members of the committee. For the record, my name is Tom Wolf and I'm the senior government affairs manager for bp America on the U.S. West Coast -- testifying in support of HB1216.

I want to thank all the parties who have engaged in this effort to enhance the opportunities for Washington state to attract new lower carbon energy projects.

As you know, bp recently announced that our Cherry Point refinery in Whatcom County is a preferred site for SAF and green hydrogen projects – with an estimated investment of 1.5 billion dollars. We are excited about the opportunity to produce additional lower carbon fuels -- and the construction, economic impact and permanent jobs these projects will create, if built.

As we move forward with project design and decision making, passing bills like this is critical to giving the permitting clarity necessary for our projects, and others to move forward. It also sends a signal that Washington is ready for the clean energy economy to thrive.

Thank you.