

HB 2674 will be terrible for the construction industry. It will raise the costs of all construction, every agency has been crying that they do not have funding to do all of the work that they need to do, and this will just make things even worse. As a construction company in rural Oregon, these taxes are extra insulting, this money is supposedly going to support retrofitting or replacing diesel engines per the requirements in the Portland area, at the same time we are trying to afford to make the improvements and upgrades to our fleets in a fiscally responsible manner.

This bill will actually damage and reduce the number of old diesel engines that are upgraded or replaced. The dollars that our company is trying to put toward these upgrades will be taken from us and given to someone outside of our community. We strongly oppose this bill.