

We are in a climate crisis in Oregon, and you can help. I urge you to vote yes on HB4141 which is a straightforward, bipartisan solution that will have an immediate impact by shifting petroleum diesel users to renewable diesel, a substitute that emits 60% less greenhouse gases than petroleum diesel. Beginning in 2025 within the Portland region, HB 4141 would gradually phase out obsolete petroleum diesel from sale as a fuel source. The bill includes off-ramps in the event of unexpected price spikes or limited availability before full implementation in 2029.

Renewable diesel works in any truck engine, needs zero engine modifications, would be available at the same fuel pumps used today and is expected to cost the same or less per gallon. In addition, vehicle maintenance costs would fall as it burns cleaner in diesel engines. Unlike biodiesel, which is made using a different process, renewable diesel does not require blending and can be used as a drop-in replacement for petroleum diesel.

Renewable diesel drops into trucks as a 1-to-1 replacement fuel, lowers overall maintenance costs and drastically reduces greenhouse gas emissions. As the most expensive state in the nation to operate a class 8 truck, the trucking industry desperately needs an exit strategy from increasingly costly fossil fuels. We need better fuels in Oregon.