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This is yet another misunderstood attempt by the legislature to obliterate life as we live it in Eastern Oregon. We provide large revenues to the state tax coffers because of our heavy reliance on diesel fuels. We are stewards of land producing, year after year, crops that utilize carbon emissions and help balance the waste of the rest of the world. Yet, there is never recognition for our efforts to clean up waste made by those in urban environments. We do our jobs, pay our bills, send our taxes to the coffers to be wasted at will by those who don't care and holler for more money to fund more and more morally defunct policies. This current attempt to outlaw reliable, available, and understandable fossil fuels is yet another power grab by our out of touch and totally tone deaf politicians. Already in the last two years through the governor's mandate- as she showed her total disregard for the representative legislative process- doubled the restrictions on diesel fuel mixtures. Likewise, the Climate protection program is already providing support for more renewable fuel usage even though the technology and science has not figured out how to meet this demand. Not to mention the absolute irony of shipping in renewable fuels via trucks is laughable at best and wicked at worst if we are truly trying to limit fuel usage. Oregon is a large and diverse state what works for the metropolis does not work out in the country. We need power and distance. The battery powered electric vehicles while costly are not able to cover the distances we work or provide the power to pull the animals, crops, and inputs we deal with daily. The renewable diesel options will wreck havoc on already weakened combustion engines thus causing more pollution and waste than we had in years previous. I strongly urge the committee to table this motion realizing the continual double, triple, and quadruple stacking of regulation is just more money and time wasting on an already totalitarian situation we are currently trying to survive in.