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This bill will not only hurt but it will cripple Oregon. It will impact the transportation of goods on the road and water, as well as all parts of the agricultural industry in the state. Many have been forced out of the state due to the overreach of the government mandates and increased labor costs, this will just push more out. Oregon cannot financially withstand this kind of destruction to our economy.

In addition, Oregon already provides incentives and regulations to drive more renewable transportation energy sources into Oregon.

- In 2015, the Oregon Legislature passed the Clean Fuels Program that, through a regulatory framework, incentivizes the sale of renewable diesel.
- Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 20-04, the Department of Environmental Quality is already considering a rule that would more than double the clean fuels standard and make fuels like Renewable Diesel even more valuable.
- Additionally, the Environmental Quality Commission adopted the Climate Protection Program that creates a preference for fuels like Renewable Diesel .

Renewable Diesel faces significant cost competitiveness and supply challenges that have not been addressed by the bill. There continues to be a disconnect between the available supply and Oregon's demand. Today, not everyone can purchase Renewable Diesel due to the supply and storage constraints.

Based on existing data, there is almost no way to know whether those realities will change. For purposes of a reference point, in 2019, Oregonians used over 719 million gallons of diesel. By comparison, less than 17 million gallons of Renewable Diesel and 60 million gallons of biodiesel were brought into the state. Meaning, Renewable Diesel amounted to less than 3% of the fuel used in diesel engines. We simply do not have the Renewable Diesel supply and infrastructure for a fuel transition of this size and magnitude.

Before Oregon takes this risky step in removing critical fuels from the market, we must better understand Oregon's opportunity for new and emerging fuels and technologies that can ensure Oregon remains economically competitive.

If Oregon is to remain competitive in not only agriculture, but all aspects of business and recreation, we must NOT allow this bill to pass. It WILL cripple our state and that is not something we can withstand.