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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.