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I am strongly opposed to this bill. As there is currently NO alternative to diesel for medium and heavy duty trucks and equipment for fuel, rural Oregonians would be left without vital resources and even basic necessities. The entirety of my rural volunteer fire department fleet runs on diesel. The backup generator at the local hospital runs on diesel. All the county roads trucks, graders, and snowplows run on diesel. Diesel is more efficient and has more energy than gasoline. The idea that anyone would even suggest doing down the path of sun setting the use of petroleum with absolutely no viable alternative is ludicrous. Where are the impact studies showing how/where rural Oregonians will get their supplies, manage their farms and properties, truck their goods and commodities, or even deliver meals to seniors? There would have to be some sort of alternative (there currently isn't) and an insane investment of dollars to retrofit ODOT, ODF, and all fire departments the cost would be astronomical. Even mass transit. The subsidized transit company here, Yamhill County Transit has a fleet of petroleum powered buses. The small Diesel engines now available in some vehicles here in the US get insanely good fuel economy, much better than their gasoline counterparts. They are way more efficient and use less fuel overall than gasoline engines. That's why so many foreign countries have much higher use of Diesel engines in automobiles. The fuel is more stable and takes less refinement than gasoline, and is much more efficient. Please do not advance this bill.