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On Behalf Of: Everyone who uses diesel in Oregon
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB4141

My Name is Drew A. Layda, I live in House District 31 and am a candidate for the same.

I am writing in opposition to HB4141. This bill is a bad idea from top to bottom. The first aspect of this bill that is obviously errant in it's assertion is that the roll-out of this measure will be able to be scheduled nearly so neatly as it appears on paper here. The second aspect of this bill that finds itself lacking is that it seeks to subsidize a means of diesel production that will not be available at a scale that could accommodate the needs of Oregon's producers and commuters.

I am strongly in support of efforts to extract a viable fuel-oil from garbage, invasive tree species, or other biostock. I have been a strong advocate for projects in my district such as the Next Renewables biofuel plant being built in the Port of Columbia County that seeks to implement a sustainable economically and environmentally friendly means of producing what many of us to be considered "liquid work".

We think of diesel as "liquid work" because it is the prime mover of everything from log trucks to tug boats to most of the industrial construction equipment used to maintain and grow Oregon. I do not believe for a moment that the proponents of this bill are even remotely aware as to the amount of diesel fuel that would be required to fulfill the needs of Oregonian Producers & Commuters. There are exactly ZERO up-and-running biofuel synthesizing plants in Oregon currently. This legislation would seek to codify normalization of something that doesn't even exist yet in Oregon.

When one of the strongest advocates in the state of Oregon for NextRenewables and other sustainable fuel producers is telling you "not yet" you should take heed. While I am ultimately confident in the technology and processes that will be utilized for extracting fuel-oils from novel sources, this is not something that is ready to scale in Oregon at a rate that will match needs in the timelines outlined.

We cannot irresponsibly wish things into normalcy. There are learning curves that must be ascended responsibly and unknowns that need to be overcome as they are encountered. I am here to say that this body has been the kings and queens of unintended consequences with many of the measure proposed and pushed through despite FERVENT disapproval of those effected.

When strict controls like this are issued, and subsidy so strongly insinuated, this begins to look a lot less like environmentally driven policy and a lot more like

economic driven policy. This is far from the first time that legislation like this has been leveraged to impart advantage to those financing the supermajority schemes in Salem, regardless who devastating they will be to the rest of Oregon.

Stop attributing to environmentalism what is actually an economic interest combined with a forward-looking protection racket. If an idea is only profitable with government force, it is probably a horrible idea espoused by people looking to make their profit mandatory and socialize any losses that may arise. I urge you all to let this horrible idea die on the vine.

Best Regards,

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