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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB4141

Hello,

I need to state my opposition to HB 4141. This ban on diesel would greatly affect not only our farmers but also those folks who utilize diesel trucks and equipment for work and pleasure. We use a diesel truck to pull our large horse trailer. Electric trucks do not have the towing capacity nor the distance to pull a fully loaded trailer of any sort. Farmers can't afford to buy new electric farm vehicles, if there are even any available to purchase. Most farm equipment is handed down or often used. Most farmers don't buy new. How is a farmer going to refuel an electric vehicle in the middle of the field?

Oregon has made bills to support renewable energy:
2014 Clean fuels Program incentivizing renewable diesel
Governors Order 20-04
Environmental Quality Commission and their climate protection program.

Even with improvement to Renewable Diesel it still has limitations. Locations are limited and storage has challenges. Renewable Diesel only amounted to 3% of all diesel use in Oregon in 2019. Before you ban a critical fuel, make sure you have avenues for an alternative. Reliable and accessible supply; grants to farmers for purchasing many new pieces of equipment and ensure that there are dependable alternative fuel vehicles available.

Don't put our farmers and other diesel truck users out of business. It will cause more harm. Use the bills you already have in place to make progress.

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