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Hello Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Levy, fellow members of the committee,

For the Record I am Representative Bobby Levy from House District 58, and I am here to testify in opposition of House Bill 2700.

This bill modifies zero-emission and electric vehicle rebate programs to include purchases and leases of electric farm tractors. I have a simple question for the proponents of this bill to answer – why do you believe that these vehicles are accessible for Oregon’s farmers?

These vehicles are prohibitively expensive, leaving them solely on the wish lists of the wealthiest farming operations. They run for very short periods of time, while normal tractors often run for 24 hours straight during harvest and planting season. Overly expensive vehicles that do not perform like their pre-existing counterparts are toys, not tools.

Oregon’s taxpayers should not be burdened with funding a rebate program for electric tractors. If the goal is to impact climate, providing rebates for a small subset of Oregon’s tractor industry for vehicles that will never be used is at best a performative distraction.

I urge the Committee to oppose this inane attempt to add inaccessible and impractical vehicles to the zero-emission rebate program.

Best,
Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58