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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
**DISTRICT 26**



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**Testimony in Support of HB 2700**

February 20, 2022

Chair Marsh, Vice Chair Bobby Levy, Vice Chair Emerson Levy and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. For the record, I am State Representative Courtney Neron representing House District 26, and testifying in support of HB 2700 today.

I want to thank my constituent, Laurel Black, for bringing this bill to me. You heard from her in the public hearing. She is a Sherwood constituent who is playing her part in helping our society transition away from fossil fuels to greener alternatives. Her experience highlights an often overlooked aspect of this transition: the need to reduce carbon emissions coming from agricultural vehicles like tractors.

While there are existing programs to help Oregonians purchase electric cars, motorcycles and other traditional types of automobiles, these programs do not apply to agricultural vehicles.

The emphasis on programs that address emissions from personal cars is understandable given the enormous role that these vehicles have in generating carbon emissions; that being said, if we do not incentivize the transition to electric agricultural vehicles, then we are missing an important opportunity to reduce emissions in the agricultural sector which also plays a significant role in driving climate change.

I hope this legislation can serve as a starting point for conversations about how we can help Oregonians who work in all sectors make the shift towards cleaner alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to testify today. I urge your support for HB 2700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney Neron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rep Courtney Neron

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Wilsonville, including the Charbonneau district, King City, Sherwood,  
Tigard/Bull Mountain, and Parrett Mountain