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On Behalf Of: Leavitts Freight Service
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Measure: SB803

My name is Ron Riddle and I the Chief Operating Officer for Leavitt's Freight Service. We are an Oregon based flatbed trucking company. Which have been conducting business in Oregon for 65 years. I urge you to oppose SB 803, which would ban nearly all diesel fuels in Oregon.

While I recognize that this bill seeks to force a shift to renewable diesel, an exciting emerging alternative "drop in" fuel for Oregon trucking companies, the narrow nature of the mandate included in the bill, as well as the significant supply issues for renewable diesel, ignore the realities of implementing such a mandate.

Renewable diesel supply shortages simply will not be improved in the three short years when this bill would go into effect. There is not currently enough renewable diesel available to meet Oregon's fuel demands and this bill will not send a "market signal," so supply will somehow become available. Production of renewable diesel is limited, and to date Oregon DEQ has denied permitting a facility in our state.

Further, Oregon already provides incentives and regulations to drive a transition to more renewable transportation fuels. This effort has been accelerated by the Governor's Executive Order 20-02 and recent changes to the Clean Fuels Standard. SB 803 would create a duplicative program that would only add to the cost of product for Oregon consumers.

If SB 803 were to pass, fuel shortages would have a significant impact on Oregon's trucking industry and supply chains for all Oregon consumers. I ask you and your committee to oppose this short-sighted, dangerous proposal and vote no on SB 803.

Oregon should allow these types of products to grow in the market organically. Once supply is plentiful and the price is comparable to conventional fuel, we as consumers will naturally adopt the new fuels. By forcing the consumers to comply by a deadline will place strains on the market and inflate cost.

Sincerely,

Ron Riddle