



To: Chair Sollman and Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

From: BOMA Oregon

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Re: Senate Bill 525

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The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of Oregon is a commercial real estate organization representing over 40 million square feet of commercial real estate in Oregon.

BOMA Oregon has been a leading organization helping building owners maximize energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions. We are supportive of the goals of SB 525, which directs the Environmental Quality Commission to adopt standards prohibiting engine exhaust and evaporative emissions from new small nonroad engines beginning January 1, 2026, unless a later date is required by federal Clean Air Act.

BOMA's concern is over the cost of SB 525 on consumers, requiring the purchase of electric or battery powered small engine equipment, which are often less effective than their fuel-powered counterparts. Perhaps there is a way that we can find some common ground and provide incentives to reach cleaner emissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony, and BOMA again would like to continue to be a part of this ongoing conversation.