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**Testimony in opposition to HB 3119**

**Why Delaying Clean Truck Standards is not in Oregon's best interest:**

- **Oregon's businesses should continue to be encouraged to adopt cleaner, more affordable transportation technologies.** Freightliner, BYD, and Nikola already offer all-electric class 8 big rigs commercially, and SV and Nikola also make class 6 delivery vans and buses. Another company, REE, makes modular parts to convert existing truck models to all-electric. Electric trucks are increasingly cost-competitive, being less than half as expensive to refuel as their diesel counterparts.
- **Delays will harm public health.** Every year of delay means more toxic diesel emissions in our air, increasing cancer risks and disproportionately impacting vulnerable communities. Emissions from transporting and burning fossil fuels only increase the risk of wild fires and other climate-related disasters, with severe impacts on Oregon communities around the state.
- **Delaying clean standards threatens Oregon's clean tech leadership.** Oregon's Clean Tech Task Force has called out the need to maintain strong policies for a thriving clean tech sector. Delays undermine this progress, risking hundreds of millions in private investments and growth in sustainable jobs.
- **Federal withdrawal of support makes state action critical.** With threats to national air quality standards, Oregon cannot count on federal backstops. Protecting our clean truck standards ensures our state continues to lead on clean air and climate.