

Testimony to House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment Oppose HB 3119 Delaying the Advanced Clean Truck Rules

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Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee:

My name is Dr. Pat DeLaquil. I am an energy system modeler and climate policy analyst, and I organize with MCAT (Mobilizing Climate Action Together), which is a community of volunteers working on advancing a healthy climate and a green economy for future generations.

I am speaking today in opposition to HB 3119, which would delay the implementation of Oregon's advanced clean truck rules, deepen the climate, air pollution, and health crises already impacting Oregonians, and jeopardize our chance for healthier, cleaner air.

Promoters of this bill have created a false crisis. Many manufacturers already meet these standards, and electric trucks are increasingly cost-competitive, being twice as cheap to refuel as their diesel counterparts. Oregon's businesses should not be denied the opportunity to adopt cleaner, more affordable technologies.

Every year of delay means more toxic diesel emissions in our air, increasing cancer risks in 19 of Oregon's 36 counties and disproportionately impacting vulnerable communities. The proposed delay is estimated to lead to dozens of premature deaths and cost billions of dollars in health impacts.

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.

Given the threat of a federal rollback of national air quality standards, Oregon cannot afford to delay its efforts to implement the advanced clean truck rules to ensure our state continues leading on clean air and climate. Indeed, DEQ has already adopted additional compliance [flexibilities in November](#) and will be engaging in ongoing conversations during the permanent rule making process in 2025.

I urge you to reject HB 3119 and allow DEQ to continue to protect our air and health, while also continuing our state's transition to a clean energy future with economic growth for all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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