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HB 3119 is a commonsense bill that deserves a do pass recommendation. EV trucks are not ready for prime-time suffering from cost, range and payload issues. In the towing industry range and payload are critical and EV trucks don't meet the requirements of the task at hand. To restrict the sale of modern clean burn diesel trucks because we can't sell an equal number of EV trucks is counterproductive to environmental goals. We all hope that the truck manufactures will meet the 2027 emissions standards to think that that will happen sooner is some sort of short-sighted fantasy. As EV vehicles become practical for industry applications said industries will adapt that technology. You can't legislate economically unviable solutions. Please let the trucking industry adapt viable technology solutions based on merit not some green fantasy goal. Economic reality can co-exist with environmental ambitions if we allow the marketplace to dictate such growth. Between now and 2027 Santiam Towing and Recovery (STR) needs to replace at least two diesel tow trucks, EV trucks are not an option for tow trucks so we will be forced to keep older less environmentally friendly diesel trucks in service. Increased maintenance costs will endanger STR's profitability and long-term viability. My 16 employees are hoping HB3119 passes to ensure their future is bright.

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