
OVDA SUPPORTS HOUSE BILL 3119

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Chair Lively and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Vehicle Dealer Association (OVDA) is Oregon's largest association representing all DMV certified motor vehicle dealers, with approximately 500 dues paying members. Our members include franchised and independent dealers, boat and trailer dealers, RV dealers, powersports dealers and motorcycle dealers.

OVDA supports House Bill 3119, and/or any legislative or executive action which withdraws or delays Oregon's adoption of California's Advanced Clean Truck Rules (ACT).

California's Advanced Clean Truck Rules

I am confident the Committee is already well versed on this issue. Oregon has long adopted California Air Resource Board's (CARB) vehicle emissions standards. And, California uses its political and economic power to push the envelope of clean energy with demonstrable success in compelling manufacturers to invest heavily in new technologies.

However, at times, CARB has expected too much, too fast. And, at times, CARB has kicked their own can down the road while reality catches up with their aspirational goals.

House Bill 2119 And Delaying Implementation

House Bill 2119 does not prohibit Oregon from adopting CARB's ACT. It merely delays the implementation until January 1, 2027. This delay will provide crucial breathing room as technology and infrastructure work to catch up to the ambitious goals.

Impact On Oregon Dealers

Adoption of the ACT impacts Oregon vehicle dealers particularly hard. Oregon dealers will be required to accept and sell ZEV vehicles in order to receive traditional diesel powered vehicles, even if there is no market of purchasers for the ZEV trucks. Moreover, dealers in states which have not adopted the ACT rules will have a marketing advantage over Oregon dealers as Oregon customers look out of state to find the trucks they want/need.

Eat Your Beans

CARB's ACT reminds me of the well-worn demand of parents across the country, "if you don't eat your peas, you can't have desert." Except in this case, Oregon is saying, "if you don't eat your peas, you can't go to school."

Mandating an increasing number of ZEV medium and heavy duty truck sales in a state which cannot support them will impede economic growth while increasing costs.

Please support House Bill 3119 and push the "pause" button for two years. Thank you.