

Submitter: Denver Pugh  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3119

Dear Chair Lively and members of the House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment,

My name is Denver Pugh and I urge you to vote in favor of HB 3119.

I am a sixth generation farmer in Shedd where my family grows various crops for seed production. As well as the farm we have a small seed company where we market seeds domestically and all over the world. On both our operations we utilize many older trucks including light weight, Class A up to Class C heavy duty trucks. I am currently trying to upgrade one of our medium duty trucks that is over 20 years old and we ran into the issue with several dealerships who said they are no longer bringing in that size of truck into Oregon because of the Advanced Clean Truck regulations that went into effect on January 1. Luckily we were able to locate a used truck that fit our needs. However, that will require more maintenance and in turn will be more expensive in the long run.

The infrastructure for utilizing electric Class B & C trucks are not available yet and technology for the efficient operation of these trucks is also not yet available. I have no doubt we will get there, but it's currently not there. So to put forth and mandate these regulations is simply getting the cart way ahead of the horse.

I urge you to pass HB 3119, take a step back and have DEQ do their research to see if this is even feasible. The Advanced Clean Truck rules are just not achievable at this time.

Sincerely,

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