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I strongly support HB 3119 and its delay of the implementation of a requirement to sell a certain percentage of electric semi-trucks until EV technology becomes more cost-effective for the commercial trucking industry. While the transition to cleaner, more sustainable transportation is an essential goal, it is crucial to recognize that the commercial trucking sector operates on tight margins and relies heavily on the financial viability of its vehicles. The current cost of electric semi-trucks, as well as the infrastructure needed to support them, presents a significant challenge for many operators, in Oregon, particularly small and medium-sized businesses.

Implementing such requirements before the technology is economically feasible will bring about unintended consequences, including increased operational costs, supply chain disruptions, and potential job losses within our state. A more gradual approach will allow for continued advancements in EV technology, which will bring down costs and improve reliability, ultimately making the transition more sustainable and practical for all stakeholders.

Delaying the mandate ensures that commercial trucking can continue to function smoothly while also working toward a greener future. I urge the passage of HB 3119 to prioritize a balanced approach that supports both environmental goals and the economic realities of the industr