

House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

Re: Forth Opposition for HB 3119

Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba, Levy, and Members of the Committee:

Forth is a nonprofit trade association that advocates for advancing electric, hydrogen, shared, smart, connected, and autonomous mobility. Forth has nearly 200 members, including auto manufacturers, electric vehicle charging suppliers, industry partners, utilities, governments, and non-profit organizations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 3119. While we appreciate the bill's intent to provide regulatory clarity, we must respectfully oppose its passage as written. Oregon has set ambitious but necessary emissions reduction goals and delaying the implementation of the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulations would represent a step backward in our efforts to cut emissions and transition to a cleaner transportation future.

Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon. The ACT is critical to ensuring we meet our commitments to reduce pollution, improve air quality, and invest in a modern, zero emission freight system that benefits both businesses and communities. The ACT rule provides the market certainty needed for manufacturers, fleets, and infrastructure developers to plan for an electrified future and already has built-in flexibility and lead time to allow manufacturers and businesses to adapt. Delaying implementation would create uncertainty for businesses and slow the transition to zero emission transportation. Any delay would also hinder critical infrastructure investments needed to reduce emissions, improve air quality, and support a modern, resilient transportation system in Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

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