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Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3119

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I am here in support of HB3119

While good intentioned, my concerns with moving forward with the ACT are as follows.

1. There is not an supply of electric vehicles currently being manufactured to cover the percentage of sales needed to make diesel truck sales available.
2. Most fleets in Oregon are traveling hundreds of miles a day. Electric Vehicles do not have the range to be able to do that yet, especially for Heavy Hauling.
3. We do not have the charging infrastructure in the state to operate vehicles, I believe there is only one public charging station currently and it is in Portland and broken down a high percentage of the time due to theft of wires and vandalism.
4. With electric vehicles not available to purchase, we are encouraging fleets to keep their old vehicles instead of upgrading, significantly holding up the exact cause the law is trying to help. Older trucks burn significantly dirtier than our new trucks, so the longer we keep people from being able to upgrade because they simply can't, The more pollution we are adding to our state.
5. We have largely overlooked Renewable diesel as a way to improve our emissions. And the data we are looking at while making these rules is largely outdated.
6. Our electrical grid is not ready to support a lot of electric vehicles all of a sudden hitting the grid at the same time.
7. As a company that has our own fleet of trucks, I am currently unable to upgrade or order new cleaner burning trucks into our fleet today because of ACT. This leaves me with no choice but to keep older trucks.
8. As a fuel hauling company, I am also very concerned about hauling fuel with EV trucks even if they become available, we are hauling 105,500 pounds as it is, with the added weight of batteries the total weight becomes extremely hard on our roads. Not to mention in the case of a truck starting on fire we would not ever want to mix batteries and fuel in a fire.
9. Last but not least, almost all of our belongings have been touched by the trucking industry at least once if not multiple times, I believe that moving forward with ACT before the industry is ready for it, will cause extremely expensive freight and business expenses that will ultimately be passed down to consumers in the cost of goods we are buying every day. Making Oregon even more expensive to live in than it is today.
10. Please vote yes on HB3119 to give time for our infrastructure to catch up.

Sincerely,
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