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Electric school busses are much more expensive than conventionally powered units to purchase, especially when you factor in the charging infrastructure and electricity necessary to recharge them. I work for the Beaverton School district and without a 20 million dollar Federal grant, we would not have been able to implement the program in our district. We are the second largest district in the state and have a much broader tax base to be able to afford this but smaller districts do not. Residential and commercial customers have seen double-digit rate increases in electricity so I think on balance, this new technology is simply not up to the task of providing value per mile and should not be mandated.