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There are lots of opportunities and very good reason to going electric for our school buses. Most importantly we will not need all the diesel and fuel that pollutes our air. We need solar panels and battery storage for the overnight chargers. We need the buses that are not oversized and nearly empty for many routes so that we do not waste the batteries on the buses. Zero emission school buses, and all clean trucks are a critical step to protect kids' health from diesel exhaust. The buses will save school districts money in the long run with some grant money. We need to continue to build on Oregon's commitment to medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles (MHD ZEVs)—which includes school buses. Please pass HB 2945 so that there is secure long-term, stable funding for clean transportation in Oregon.