



April 17, 2025

Dear Co-chairs Gorsek and McLain and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

The Douglas County Global Warming Coalition, an all-volunteer grassroots organization representing 450 residents in our rural community, strongly supports The Zero-Emission School Bus Act, HB 2945 and the -1 amendment.

This important piece of legislation will not only protect vulnerable children from the health hazards of diesel pollution, it also represents a significant step towards addressing climate pollution in our State.

By providing money for bus rebates and charging infrastructure, this bill promotes a smooth transition to clean transportation while also offering technical assistance to school districts to help plan this needed transition.

In addition to the health and climate benefits, this legislation also makes economic sense. Electrification of the school bus system will save school districts money through less maintenance and operational costs. At a time when budget constraints are looming due to the unprecedented and unpredictable cuts by the current Federal Administration, this bill stands out as a solid long term investment in Oregon's future.

For the sake of our children, the economic well-being of our State and the climate, we strongly support the passage of HB 2945 and the -1 amendment.

Sincerely,

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