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House Business and Labor Committee

HB 2655

Provides that conditioning employment on refraining from using any substance that is lawful to use in this state is unlawful employment practice.

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

For the record, I am Lana Butterfield with the Pacific Propane Gas Association (PPGA). PPGA adds our voice to others who are opposing HB 2655.

The state and the general public should be very concerned about this bill, as we are. Employees who work with or transport hazardous and/or flammable substances should not be impaired in any way.

Propane drivers are often "on call" in the case of urgent customer need (such as running out of heating fuel in a cold snap). How long it takes for such substances to dissipate is affected by individual and unpredictable metabolism, and thus should not be permitted for operators of heavy equipment where the public may be vulnerable.

HB 2655 would also cause conflict with federal DOT laws, and lead to further lawsuits.

We urgently ask you to vote NO on HB 2655.

Thank you for your consideration.

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