



April 24, 2019

Joint Committee on Transportation
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: SB 411 Support

Dear Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair McKeown and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for SB 411.

Forth is a non-profit trade association that advocates for the advancement of electric, hydrogen, smart, connected, and autonomous mobility. Forth supports these initiatives through demonstration pilot projects, public outreach and education, industry networking and legislative and regulatory advocacy across the nation. Forth has over 160 members representing auto manufacturers, electric vehicle charging suppliers, industry partners, utilities, local governments, non-profits, and many additional stakeholders within the transportation electrification “ecosystem”. Forth also operates the nation’s first brand-neutral electric mobility showcase.

Electrifying heavy-duty vehicles would result in a significant reduction of Oregon’s green-house gas emissions (GHGs) and help to mitigate the disproportionate impact that diesel emissions have on low-income communities. Increasing the gross vehicle weight limit for heavy-duty electric vehicles from 80,000 to 82,000 would facilitate this transition to electrification. The Oregon Legislature has already set a precedent for this by passing a similar increase in weight for natural gas trucks in 2017.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 411.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanette Shaw". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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