

Submitter: THURSTON INGLIS
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB4141

My name is Thurston (Rusty) Inglis. I am a rancher in Harney County. I am the Harney County Farm Bureau President, chair the livestock committee for Oregon Farm Bureau, and am on the Oregon Cattleman's Board of Directors. HB 4141 as written is an ill-conceived bill. The implementation of this bill would destroy the economy of rural Oregon. Ranchers, farmers, rural municipals and rural school districts rely on diesel fuel for everyday business. To require the use of renewable diesel would place a huge financial burden on all of agriculture and rural communities, that most would not be able to sustain. First the availability of renewable diesel is not available in quantities that are needed and what would be available would be cost prohibitive. Secondly even if there was enough available renewable diesel it is highly likely that most of the existing diesel engines in use today would have to be retrofitted for its use. That alone would put almost any family agriculture operation out of business. Rural Oregon and agriculture are fighting every day to survive, passing this bill would be the last nail in the coffin for most family operations. Once we lose them, all we will be left with is large corporate operations, that will come and go at will, as they have no personal ties to the Oregon, we all want to make our home. We need to protect our most valuable industry in the state, not regulate and mandate it to death. For all these reasons and many more, I oppose this Bill and ask you not to vote for it. Thank you for your time.