

Hon. Members of the Committee:

I would like to add my voice to the opposition to HB 4141. This bill is overly complex and inefficient to the point of absurdity. Climate change is a serious subject and we do need to start weaning ourselves off fossil fuels but this is not the way to do it. Either subsidize biodiesel or renewable diesel (if you don't want anyone angry) or tax regular diesel (if you don't care who is angry). Either way the staff needed is a fraction of that required by HB 4141 and folks are free to make the adjustments in the most efficient way they can. The free market doesn't always take all important factors such as environmental costs into account when allocating resources, but it does reliably and efficiently take dollar figures into account. We should use it rather than trying to fool it.