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On Behalf Of: Our family farm  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure: HB4141

Co-Chairs Beyer and McLain and Committee Members,  
I ask you to oppose HB 4141, this bill is not well thought out as it would cause a disruption in Oregon's economy.

Oregon already provides incentives and regulations to drive more renewable transportation energy sources. In 2015 the Oregon Legislature passed the Clean Fuels Program that, through a regulatory framework, incentivizes the sale of renewable diesel fuel. There is already an advantage for those using a 20 Bio Blend in their diesel engines. Under the Governor's Executive order 20-04 DEQ is already considering a rule that would more than double the clean fuels standard and make fuels like Renewable Diesel even more valuable. The Climate Protection Program also creates a preference for fuels like renewable diesel. All of these programs and regulations when fully put in place will cause industry to rely on Biofuels and Renewable Diesel. HB 4141 is not necessary to accomplish people using renewable diesel.

The engines being manufactured today burn extremely clean. You cannot look at the engines used in the 60's or 70's and equate them with the engines of today, we are burning fuels more completely and with almost no emissions. Manufacturers have been innovative and have met the requirements asked for through stringent requirements. I see this bill as just another way to get rid of the industries that rely on diesel fuels to operate. As a farm we use diesel in our truck, tractors and pickups, we use the bio blend diesel and everything goes fine during the warm times of year. However, when the temperatures dip below 0 we have a very hard time keeping vehicles running because of the lower gel factor with bio diesel. If we become limited to only using renewable diesel we may not be able to move food and fiber to market and our livestock may suffer because of HB 4141.

Please vote no on HB 4141, give the Clean Fuels Program and the Climate Protection Program a chance to work.