

30 January 2023

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

Re: Senate Bill 64

Dear Chair Senator Sollman, Vice-Chair Senator Findley and members Senators Golden, Hayden and Lieber:

While I am neutral on any merits or faults of this bill I can't help but wonder why – oh why – this particular “study” was not done years ago.

My contention throughout the process of “electrifying” all vehicles in Oregon is that the legislature, with the help of many constituents has, from the beginning, been jumping the gun, putting the cart before the horse so-to-speak.

This bill – figuring out what to do with electric vehicle batteries after they've become unfit as an energy source – is a bit late. But at least some one in a position to do something about it is considering it.

Maybe someday the sponsors of this bill will realize there is the exact same problem with photovoltaic cells and wind-turbine blades.

By the way – sourcing the materials used in construction of EV batteries is also a problem and creates it own source of left-over materials. Taken collectively, humanity in general is pretty clever so it won't surprise me that if someday alternate materials are found to replace the toxic materials currently used in construction of EV batteries. The same can also be said for some sort of re-cycling of old EV batteries.

Good luck.

Sincerely,



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