

## **Oppose Mandates and Avoid Supply Chain Shortages: *NO on SB 803***

The construction industry plays a vital role in Oregon's economy, building infrastructure, commercial buildings and homes across the state. As an industry, there is a heavy reliance on the usage of diesel motors not only in the vehicles workers get to and from the job site in, but also much of the equipment we use on our job sites. This bill focuses on on-road vehicles, like the trucks that are used on our jobsites, or to transport construction materials. However, the impacts on the supply chain would impact our diesel offroad equipment as well.

We are not opposed to the usage of renewable diesel (RD) in our vehicles and machines. Our opposition to SB 803 is based on the lack of RD supply to power all the needs of Oregon's economy that currently rely on petroleum-based diesel to run. This bill is targeted at the wrong end of the needed approach to expand the availability of RD for all the needs in the state.

SB 803 would essentially ban the use of petroleum-based diesel within the next seven years, regardless of the availability of RD. A mandate of this nature would be harmful to the construction industry, along with a host of other industries that Oregonians heavily rely on to keep our state moving and economically viable.

We are not opposed to the usage of RD in our vehicles and equipment, but we must oppose a bill that would make unprecedented changes to our supply chain and jeopardize the ability of our contractors to get the fuel they need to get to their job sites and do their work.

The mandates in SB 803 in the transition to RD and away from petroleum-based diesel are not long-term solutions, free of the threat of potential supply chain shortages. Instead, it has the potential to halt transportation of building materials and essential construction of buildings and infrastructure in Oregon.

**To avoid potentially costly supply chain shortages and strains on Oregon's economy, we urge your no vote on SB 803.**



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