

Oregon lacks adequate infrastructure and supply to transition to a renewable diesel mandate

Please oppose SB 803

SB 803 would establish an unrealistic and unnecessary mandate, banning the sale of petroleum diesel in Oregon on a regional basis in 2026 and statewide by 2030, in an effort to force a shift to renewable diesel.

However, the lack of both supply and infrastructure to support such a transition makes this an illogical and likely impossible mandate to implement.

Lack of Supply of Renewable Diesel

Many Oregon companies have been actively seeking out renewable diesel, but current product supply does not even meet the existing demand, let alone the demand that would likely result from this mandate. The carbon intensity standard established in the bill would further limit what supplies of renewable diesel would be available in Oregon.

There simply is not enough renewable diesel available to meet Oregon's fuel demands today, and given limited production and lack of infrastructure, it remains unlikely that supply will somehow become available in the three short years of runway proposed by this bill.

Duplicative Efforts to Reach the Same Goal

Oregon already has two programs in place to drive a transition to more renewable transportation fuels, the Clean Fuels Standard which dramatically changed last fall to a 37% standard and the Climate Protection Program which also focuses on reducing GHG emissions from transportation fuels. SB 803 would create a new, third program that would contradict the Clean Fuels Program and negatively impact the adoption of additional alternatives fuels such as hydrogen, renewable natural gas (RNG), compressed natural gas (CNG) and heavy-duty electric vehicles.

Oregon's small business owners, including farmers, ranchers, and truckers, have faced significant challenges in the last few years. If this bill moves forward and diesel is effectively banned statewide, many of these family-owned businesses will be unable to find fuel to operate their tractors, trucks and other farm equipment which could lead to significant impacts on agricultural production and supply chain throughout Oregon.

We urge you to oppose this misguided and likely impossible-to-implement mandate.

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