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The best way to further increase inflation in Oregon is to insert more government bills that mandate how our economy functions. These swift change to ban all diesel vehicles including semi-trucks, tractors, farm equipment, trucks used by people working in construction, landscaping vehicles, trucks used in towing and infrastructure project utility vehicles will at more cost for goods and food to all Oregonians. Since 2019, has cost consumers 20.6% of their income to inflation. This amounts to \$22,034 per year for the average household, according to commonsenseinstituteus.org. If you wonder at why we have so many businesses closing and leaving Oregon and citizens struggling to pay their bills look no further than all the regulations being instituted by our legislature. How many more Oregonians will be affected by this and those who work in industries where a diesel vehicle is a necessity, many of whom will not be able to afford EVs or that those vehicles are not capable of doing the work of heavier work needed in multiple industries. It will effectively put these businesses OUT OF BUSINESS. Many of our farm workers, many who are Hispanic, depend on a healthy economic environment in the farming industry to support their families. How will this legislatures ban on diesel vehicles impact them when the farms they work with now can no longer stay in business. Legislatures often have concerns about our diverse work force and supporting them. Well this legislation will have severe negative consequences on them and other Oregonians as our supply chain of locally grown foods, grains and livestock. The result will be higher inflationary food cost and/or a complete disruption in our local food supply. We should be supporting our farmers and farmworkers not driving them further into poverty. I 100% support delaying this ban, to further look at how this bill will impact our already crumbling economy, inflation, unemployment and homelessness.

I urge our legislators to do the right thing for Oregon businesses, farms, and for it's citizens, instead of continuing to drive up the regulatory burdens that Oregonians are already drowning in, and its resulting negative impacts to their daily lives.