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RE: HB 3119: I fully **support** this bill. Stop the EV Push

Years ago, new regulations were put in place for diesel vehicles so they would have fewer emissions. Those suddenly weren't enough, and we ended up with Cats. Then we needed ULSD, then it was other emission control devices and then the DEF systems and particulate filters. Always more, more, more. Now the push is on for all Electric which is a fairy tale with the current infrastructure and technology. What's the environmental cost to produce an EV and get it to market. There are a number of reports that claim the emissions to produce an EV and all that go into that EV are greater than a conventional car would put out in its lifetime.

After EV I'm sure the more, more, more mentality will still be there and they'll go after the plastic or fiberglass, battery materials or carbon fiber...right after they ban the rubber in the tires. It just never stops.

So, how much cleaner is the air today than it was 5 years ago? What gains have been made and what have the costs been?

Diesel Trucks, Pickups and RV's need to stay on the road, right where they are today. Can you afford to go out and pay over \$100,000 for a new pickup truck? I sure can't. Could buy another horse and a cow to pull a wagon...oh wait then you'll take those away from me because there is the fart concern.

Technology, infrastructure, support and expense are all beyond current affordable reach. The only people who think all electric trucks, pickup trucks or RV's are currently practicable, available or will be in 10 years are living in a pipe dream and / or taking money from the lobbyists who have a carpet bag full of tricks to sell them.

One of the current pickups, the Ford Lightning can't carry a load any distance at all. I know someone who bought one. Range less than advertised, greatly reduced when pulling grades, lengthy recharge time. They jumped on the wagon and bought the electric F150 and an electric Jeep. The F150 Lightning has proven totally inadequate as a commuter vehicle and relegated to lesser tasks and never ventures far from home. The jeep is a "heap", just went through another recall, something about potential fire

hazard, another trip to the shop and he says wouldn't hurt his feelings if it did catch fire, as long as its not in the garage when it does.

This says a lot, "**California Low Emission Vehicle program** that was first adopted by the **California Air Resources Board in 2021**, and which would require manufacturers of medium duty and heavy-duty motor vehicles to sell an increasing percentage of zero-emissions vehicles"

The State of Oregon IS NOT CALIFORNIA. This diesel mandate is straight out of California and a copy of their plan. If you want to live in California or as a Californian, move South to California and enjoy! Do not impose California values on Oregon and Oregonians.

The push to EV's is ill conceived and before its time. How and where are all of these trucks, pickups, RV's and passenger cars going to charge up. Residential electric grids certainly can't handle the load. Drive by a Truck stop and take a look at how many trucks are parked there at any given time and figure out where all those trucks are going to plug in and charge up. I dare say, all of those trucks, pulling in to charge up are going to cause brown outs without figuring in normal residential and commercial uses. In the very RECENT PAST CALIFORNIA HAS DEMANDED NO ONE CHARGE THEIR VEHICLES because of heavy use of the grid and lack of power.

By forcing an EV mandate on the Oregon population, The Oregon Legislature and DEQ is putting an increased burdens on the upper, middle and lower income population. Middle and lower income folks just don't have options available to upper income and they just can't afford it. At the same time, there would be negligible if not negative effect. All at the cost of Oregon taxpayers. Higher costs for everything as the trucking industry touches us all.

The Legislature and DEQ can't get over their insatiable appetite to spend more of our money and cost everyday Oregonians more and more money. It has to stop. The term "moderation" or "live within your means" is not in the Dictionary or Thesaurus for those inside the marble halls of Salem.

Our air is cleaner now than it was in 60's, 70's, 80's....and yet you want more, more and more. To the cost and detriment of the everyday working or retired Oregonian.

Currently our electricity bills have gone up exponentially. We're paying for Wind project construction, Bordman early decommissioning and the new Boardman Gas plant (which is apparently now as bad as the old plant since it burns natural gas) and paying private out of state and foreign corporations for their little solar power and the massive wind power fields and projects as just as a couple of examples.

Our electricity bill has gone up 47.5%. (<https://www.koin.com/news/oregon/pge-utility-increase-rate-hike-decision-2025/>). *"Since 2021, PGE customers have seen more than a 43% increase in their electric bills. The most recent rate increase, once finalized, will bump that number to 47.5%. "In February 2024, PGE first requested state regulators to approve a 7.4% rate increase, which was then followed by an increased request of 10.9% in July. In response, Mayor Wheeler submitted a letter to the PUC on Aug. 29 that urged the commission to reject the proposal. An advocacy group known as the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board also asked the PUC to delay or reject the increase on behalf of local residents, who claim their cost of living has become unaffordable due to rising utility costs. "*

Historically, there have been extensive "clean" rules, laws and regulations in Oregon for over half a century, or more. But, like everything else, someone always has a personal agenda to push for even more. From the truck company owner in Portland with a financial interest in doing away with petroleum diesel to foreign interests cornering the market on "green" energy products.

The State has yet to put forth a plan to insulate Oregon or keep the air currents from other States, China and other countries out of Oregon. We have insufficient infrastructure to support the EV mandates. We have little money to support building the infrastructure and the Electric Companies are standing there with not their hands, but with huge buckets sticking out just waiting for the infusion of rate payer money and tax money that would fill their bloated coffers.

Getting beyond this, we could discuss the emissions and pollution caused by making plastics and fiberglass, lithium batteries, hydrogen and the list goes on. And then, all those hours and miles spent on airliners traveling all over the world to push the "Green New Deal" and agenda.

I urge the passage of this bill and put a stop to this madness at this point in time.

Respectfully Submitted

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