

January 30, 2025

Subject: HB 3119

Dear Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee:

Associated General Contractors – Oregon Columbia Chapter represents a broad cross-section of the commercial construction industry, including open shop and union, rural and metro, highway and building contractors. Most of our members are small, homegrown businesses, doing business throughout Oregon.

AGC supports the passage of HB 3119, directing the Department of Environmental Quality not to implement its Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) rules until after January 1, 2027. There has been clear and compelling evidence from both vehicle manufacturers and the industry stakeholders directly and indirectly impacted by the implementation of the ACT rules that there are currently few, if any, compliant vehicles available on the market. The vehicles available today that are compliant with the ACT only work for specific uses and are limited in vehicle class size.

Taking these factors into account, along with the fact that Oregon is still working on its electric vehicle charging infrastructure, it is clear that more time is needed to allow manufacturers to develop and put to market a variety of affordable options in each of the vehicle classes that are included in the ACT.

Our members rely on the vehicles covered by the ACT in their fleets to get their employees and equipment to their job sites in all four corners of the state. They also rely on the larger trucks covered by the ACT, sometimes operated by third parties, to get their construction materials to their job sites. Moving too quickly to implement the ACT rules could indirectly lead to further cost escalations and delays which our industry has been grappling with since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We support giving more time to allow the market to provide more affordable and feasible options that will not have unintended consequences negatively impacting industry and consumers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and express AGC's support for this bill.

Sincerely,

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