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I strongly support this bill. The alternative fuel technology for most all vocational trucking operations does not exist at this point whatsoever, all the while increased mandates on newer model diesel trucks being required continues to grow on projects all across this state. The city of Portland water project in east Multnomah county, for example, requires all trucks to be 2020 model year or newer. Once demand really sets in for that project in various phases, there is not enough trucks in this area to meet demands of that project and the rest of this market in all model years, obviously not 2020 and newer as well, and now we face restrictions on being able to purchase new trucks to service these projects at the very same time. Any person to question this I would urge to pick the phone up and call ANY commercial truck dealer and ask to order an electric dump truck. It does not exist. The long term repercussions of these mandates, I strongly believe, will negatively effect each and every person in this state, as per usual, starting at the lowest income levels first and foremost and by far the worst. Affordable housing? Already non existent and looking to get much worse. Regular everyday goods and services everyone relies on, prices have no option but to go even higher than currently. I would also urge serious research into the carbon footprint of electric cars, and have an honest speculation at what electric trucking would be in comparison? I believe a simple LTL electric truck battery weighs around a couple tons give or take. Where do they come from? How are they acquired/manufactured? How long do they last? Where do they go when they are no longer able to be used? It is insane to me to even be writing this out. I am not sure this can even be resolved by 2027, but I know for sure, no one is ready for this to start taking effect now. Thank you for your time and consideration.