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As a small family farm, we cannot afford to replace our vehicles and tractors with electric vehicles.

Our state is also not able to support the conversion to electric vehicles as Oregon lacks the infrastructure to adequately service our current population. We continue to have threats of rolling blackouts during extreme hot or cold weather due to the electric power grid. There are places throughout this state that do not have adequate electricity or even cellular service. The amount of electricity needed to power EV charging stations will cause even more blackouts in the future.

It is irresponsible for Oregon to require the conversion to EV trucks when the basic power service to all citizens is currently unreliable. As this state continues to remove dams that generate electricity the ability to generate power for the basic home consumption is reduced.

I urge you to support the bill and put a stop to the conversion to EV trucks until such time as the electric grid can support it.