

Support HB 3119

House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba & Levy and Committee Members:

My name is Wade Flegel. We have an irrigated family farm in Crook County. I strongly urge you to support HB 3119 as there is not infrastructure, the availability of Heavy Duty Electric Vehicles (HDEV) or Electric Power Capacity for the implementation of the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulations.

The infrastructure for HDEV charging is non-existent for trucks, in our area I only know of two public charging stations for electric cars. The other issue we are having in our area is with Pacific Power. They have made their electric delivery system very sensitive to wind and heat cutting essential power to our family farm. This last summer we had several power outages that left us unable to power our irrigation pumps during critical times causing damage to our crops. For example our carrot seed was unable to be watered during the critical pollination causing a reduction in yield and viable seed. If we do not have a consistent power supply now how can we expect to be able to power chargers for HDEVs. Our family farm depends on these vehicles for everyday movement of crops, livestock care and feeding and transportation to markets.

Even Apple and Meta data centers in Prineville use massive diesel generators for any power interruption caused by unreliability in the power grid.

There is not even available today reliable HDEV that we could use to run our family farm. Our farm depends on diesel to fuel pickups, trucks and farming and harvesting equipment. Our expenses are at an all-time high and commodity prices are very low. This last growing season our Power bill was almost double of the previous year, we paid \$62,000 in power bills to run our irrigation pumps. There is no room for us to add in electric HDEV and charging stations, especially with the uncertainty of power availability.

I urge you to pass HB 3119 at the least. It would be better to not even have ACT regulations.

Thank you,

Wade Flegel