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Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Members of the Committee. My name is Darlene Chirman; I am a former nurse and support HB 2945 and -1, being concerned about diesel fumes worsening childhood asthma. Our school children are vulnerable and deserve better. The Zero Emission School Bus Bill will accelerate Oregon's transition to zero-emission school buses.

In addition to health concerns and air quality, electric buses have lower fuel and maintenance costs, allowing schools to fund education with less expense for transportation. But the upfront cost of electric school buses is higher, and HB 2945 can assist with purchase of these buses.

All Oregonians will reap the climate benefits of this transition.

I urge you to support HB 2945 and Amendment-1 and prioritize clean energy transportation investments for Oregon's future.