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HB 2425

Rep. Grayber,

We are writing to encourage you to address the horrors of present-day slavery and to schedule a Work Session for HB 2425. <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Measures/Overview/HB2425>

This Bill requires public bodies that procure electric vehicles and solar photovoltaic energy systems to receive certification from the manufacturer, distributor, vendor or supplier that the production, assembly, transportation or sale of the electric vehicle or solar photovoltaic energy system did not use or involve forced labor or oppressive child labor.

"I would spend 24 hours down in the tunnels. I arrived in the morning and would leave the next morning"

Paul, 14-year-old orphan and cobalt miner

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2016/01/Child-labour-behind-smart-phone-and-electric-car-batteries/>

Well-documented brutality around the world must inform our policy decisions here in Oregon. Please don't turn away from this opportunity to shine light on the horrific conditions that men, women and children are forced to endure:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/292060>

Ever-increasing mandates for counties to procure Electric Vehicles makes this issue especially important for us to consider.

While we pledge not to forget the inexcusable cruelties of slavery in our past, this is an opportunity to acknowledge atrocities are happening today that yield an economic benefit to Oregonians, local governments and those we represent.

We encourage you to bring the issue of forced labor and our connection to it here in Oregon to the fore.

Concerns about present-day slavery must be addressed.

Thank you for your service on behalf of Oregonians Statewide.

Sincerely,

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Commissioners on 3.13.2025
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