

Testimony Against HB0092

Please vote against HB0091.

This bill appears to be a knee-jerk, reaction to climate change without any real thought about the economics of converting to electric (battery power) from fossil fuel power.

What will be done with fossil fueled equipment that are still viable as of January 1, 2025?

Can they still be used until the end of their useful life or must they be sold?

What will happen to existing contracts after January 1, 2025?

Can they still be used until the end of the contract period?

Has the grounds maintenance staff been consulted as to whether battery powered equipment can be used economically in remote areas?

It may be more economical to transport a 5 gallon or a 10 gallon tank of fuel to a work site than to carry numerous batteries and their chargers.

How many batteries equal the work that can be done by a tank of fuel?

For large electric mowers or tractors pulling a 6-foot mower deck for large areas such as parks, how much will the charging stations cost to purchase and operate and how long will it take to recharge the mower for its next use?

Unlike other bills, this bill does not contain a fiscal impact document.

How many pieces of equipment will need to be replaced by January 1, 2025?

How many new contracts will need to be bid and accepted by January 1, 2025?

Until one has done a study to determine the economic impact of the conversion, one should not pass a bill that only allows about 9 months for the staff to issue bids for new contracts and to purchase new equipment.

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