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Please do not follow the lead of the California State Government. Electric vehicles have not surpassed the era of combustible engine-powered vehicles. This action would devastate the economy of our state and put an undue burden on the citizens of this state. The electric automobile's one-battery system requires 25 lbs. of lithium, 60 lbs. of nickel, 44 lbs. of magnesium, 30 lbs of cobalt, 200 lbs. of copper, and 400 lbs. of aluminum, steel, and plastic. In order to produce this one-battery system, 500 tons of ore must be refined to produce 25 lbs of lithium. To move that ore takes 900-1000 gal. of fuel. Lithium is refined by using sulfuric acid so the mine at Thacker Pass requires 75 semi-loads of acid a day. An electric-powered semi-tractor/truck took 12 hours to get 200 miles, stopping to recharge several times. The above evidence demonstrates that Chapter 173-423 WAC and converting to all-electric vehicles would not be a fuel-efficient and non-carbon-producing proposal.