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Washington State is not ready for the CARB act. How are you going to incentivize small businesses to replace their existing fleet with EV's that they will need double of in order to do the job that 1 diesel powered truck can do? Each truck will take 4+ hours to charge all of the batteries and may not have the power still to tow a fully loaded semi that has been involved in an accident. Instead of having truck manufacturers produce the equipment necessary for our industry, we are seeing them pull their business from Washington instead of retrofitting their factories to meet the demands that ACT and similar legislation requires. This puts our industry at a huge disadvantage as our specialty equipment cannot just be purchased at any dealer. Even if we could obtain suitable vehicles to meet the demand at this time, our state has not taken the necessary steps to implement the demand it will have on our electrical grids, nor is there enough access to the chargers to "charge" the level of demand that will be required across our state to keep Washington goods and services moving on the big truck scale. We are just not ready and we won't be 6 months from now.