

# Diesel Fuel Use Resilience in Oregon

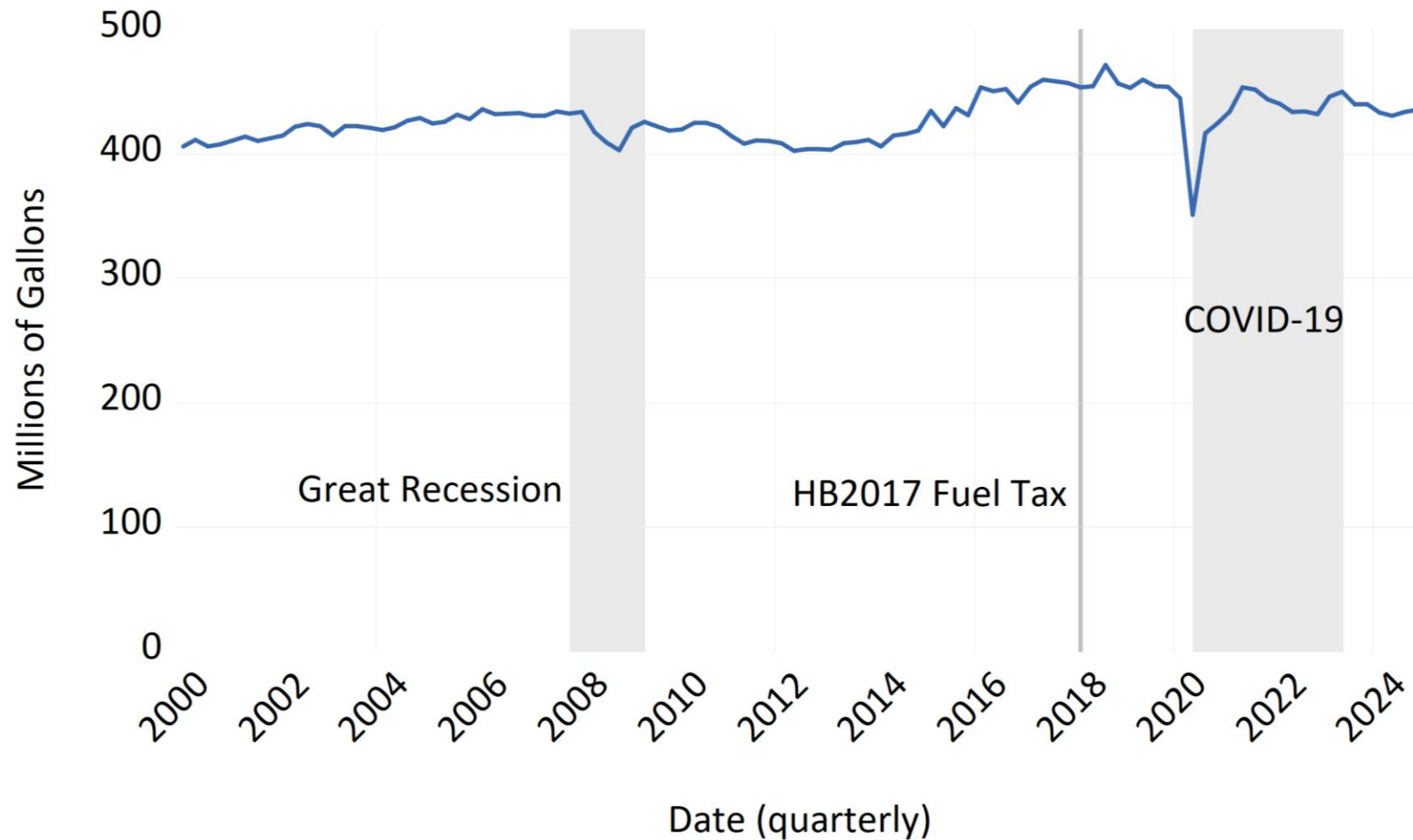
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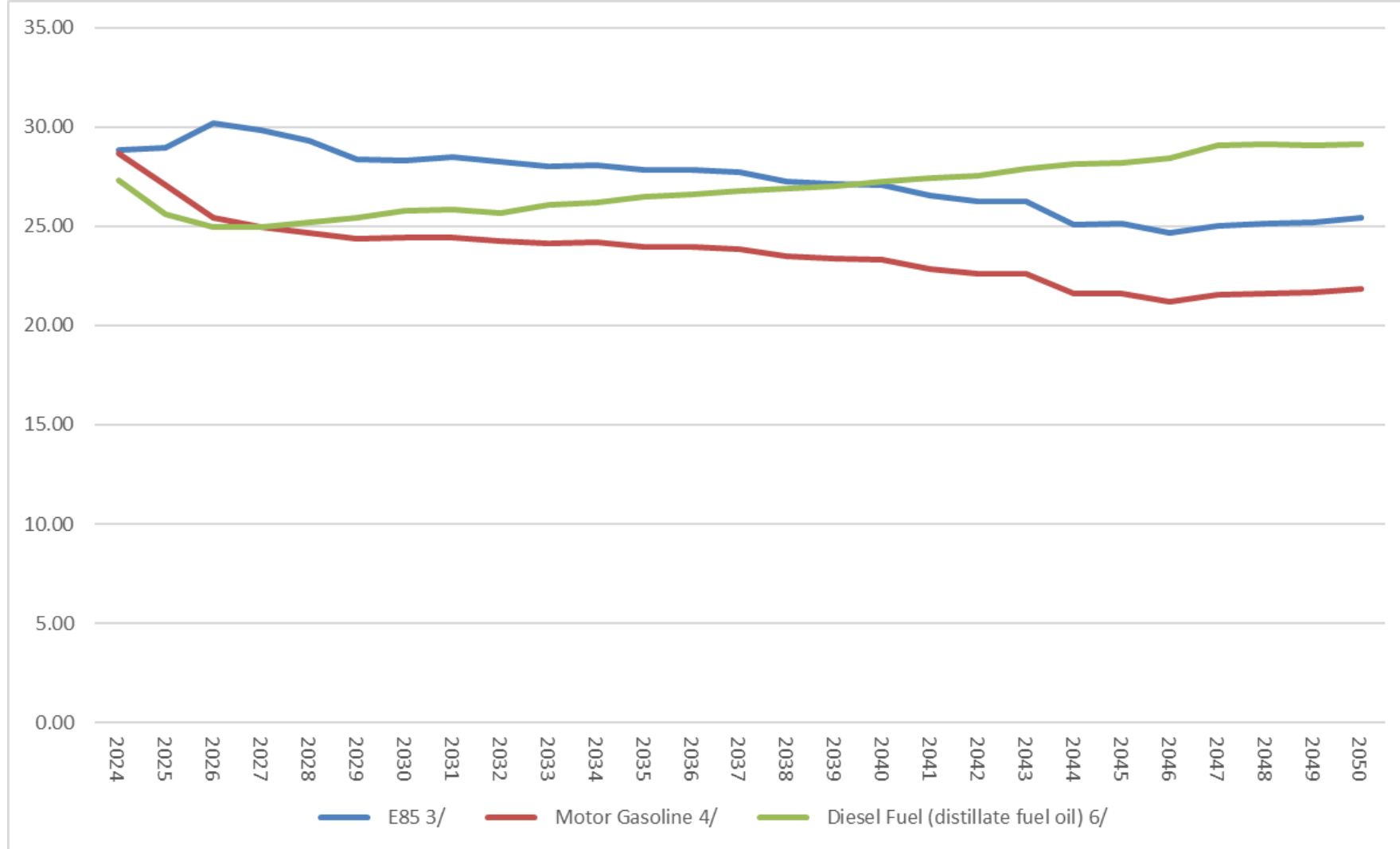
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Quarterly Gallons Fuel Sold Oregon 2000-2024



# Historical Fuel Sold for Transportation in Oregon



# EIA Annual Energy Outlook April 2025 Forecast

# Advanced Clean Cars II and Oregon Policy

- **Diesel**

- Only vehicles under 26,000lbs pay fuel tax. More than that, pay weight-mile tax instead.
- Light duty are vehicles under 14k pounds. Medium heavy are between 14k and 26k pounds

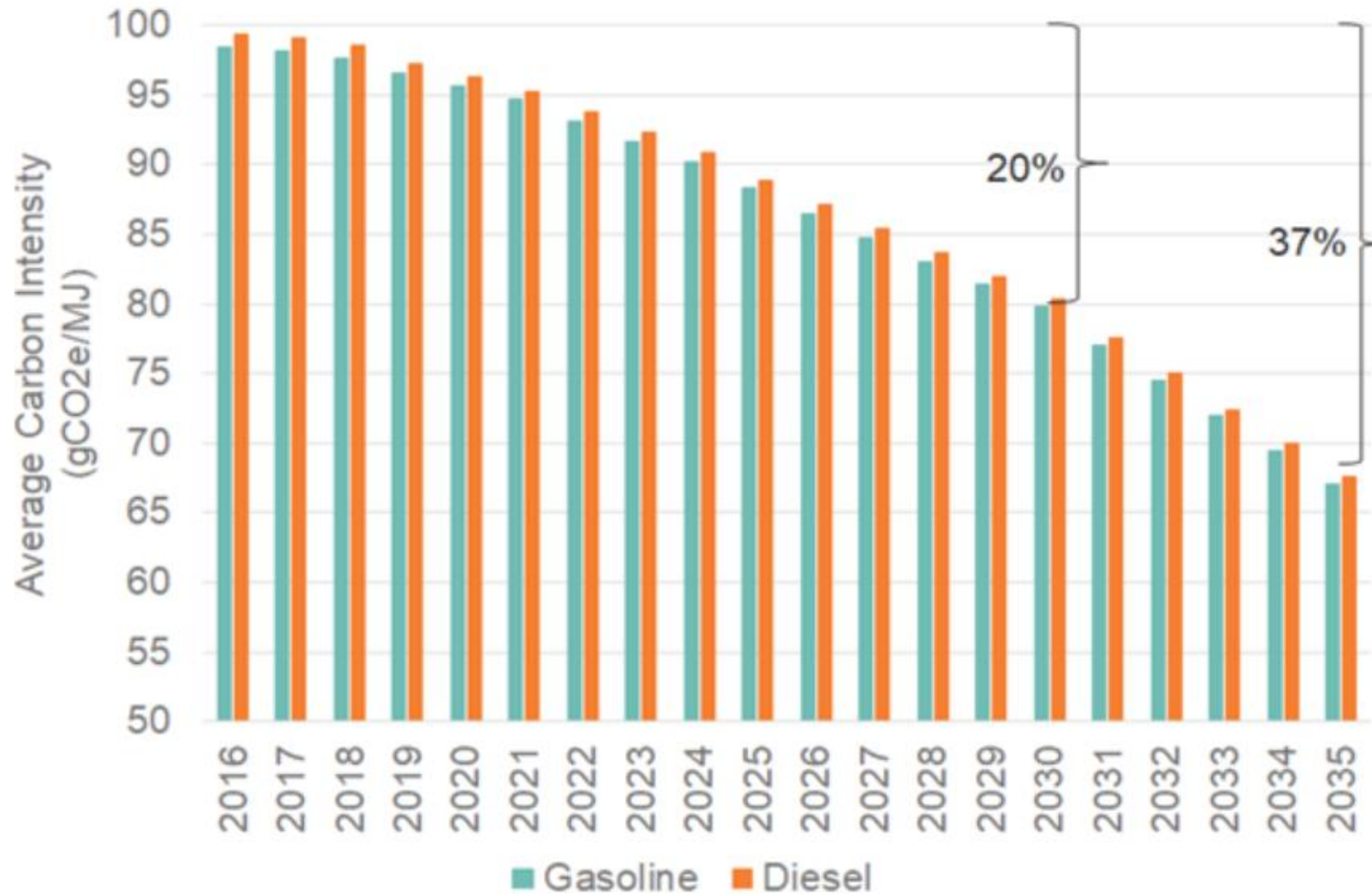
- **Climate Protection Plan's Clean Fuels Program**

- State rules from Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality carbon intensity from fuels, requires reduction in CARBON INTENSITY from fuels.
- Price impacts assumed to be limited based on rulemaking language, 20% increase in prices starting 2026.

- **ACC II** (late 2022 rulemaking) will directly impact through adoption of EV's holding VMT constant

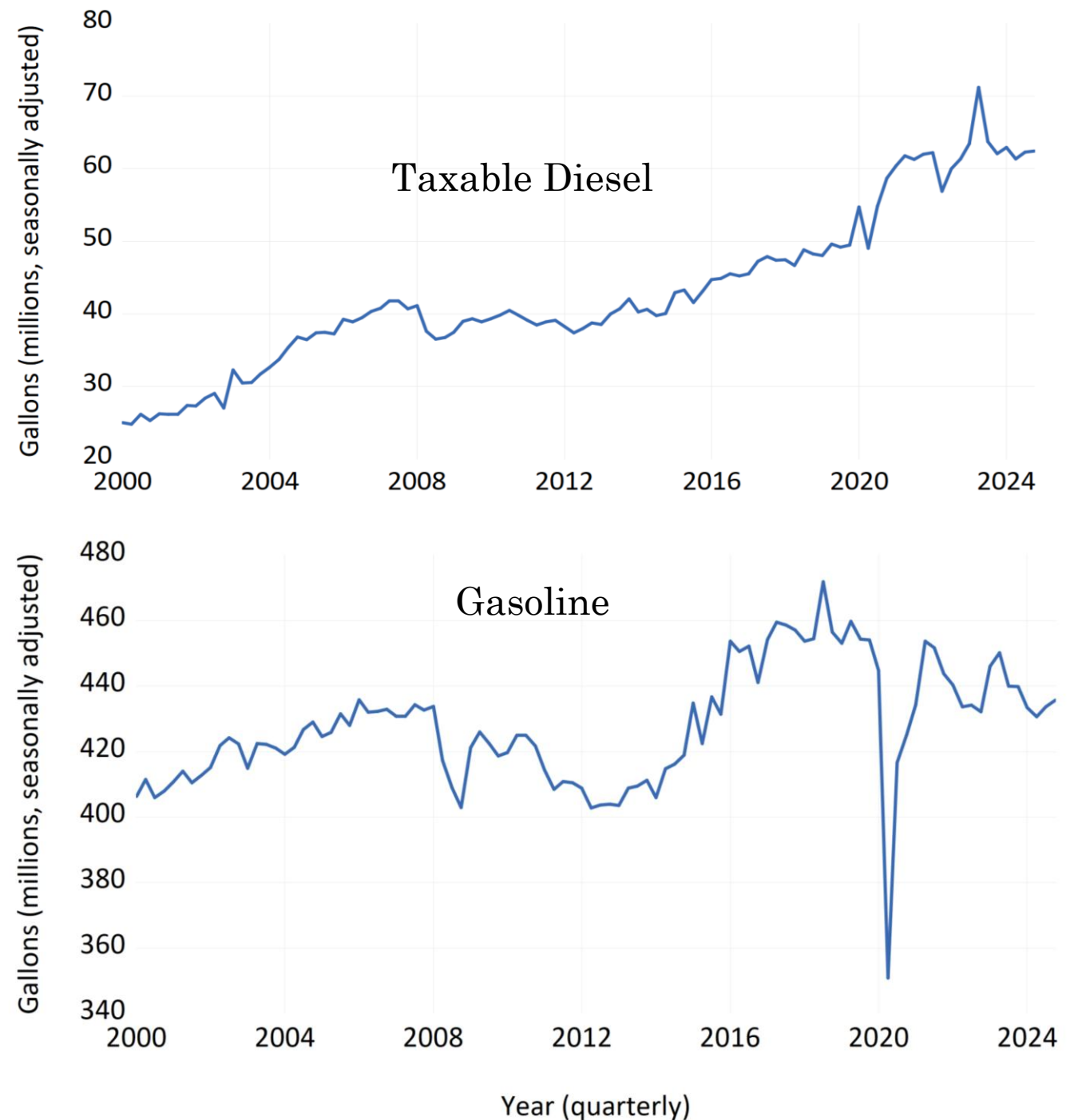
- By 2035, most manufacturers will be required to supply only electric vehicles for sale in Oregon, mostly Light Duty Vehicle sales.

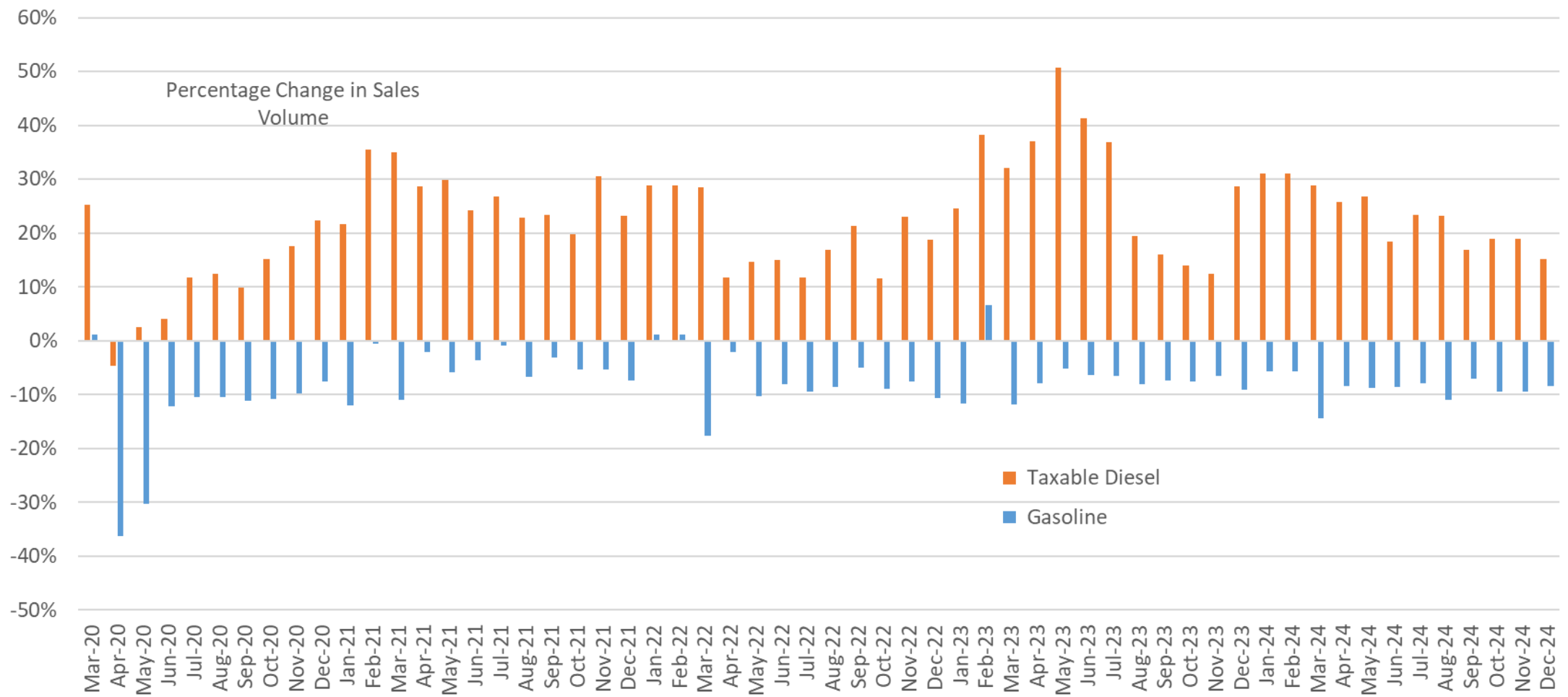
# Oregon Clean Fuels Program Goals



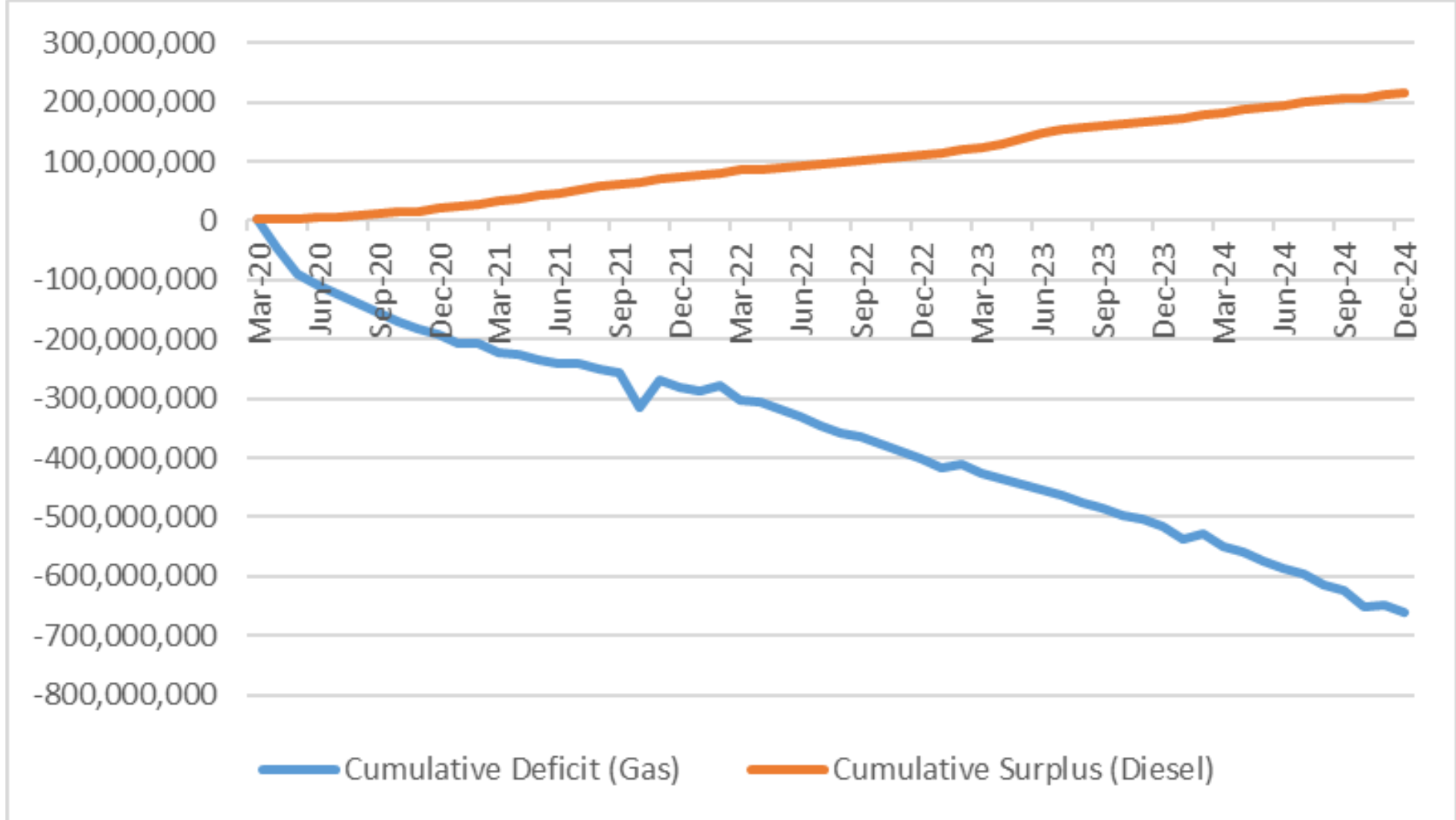
# Background: Fuels Taxes in Oregon

- Who Pays?
  - All gasoline users
  - Any diesel consumption not covered by weight-mile (mostly, trucks over 26,000 lbs)
- Gas - Diesel Divergence
  - Gas revenues have fallen since COVID
  - Diesel revenues have increased and leveled off
- How much?
  - \$0.40/gallon
  - Diesel ~ 15% of fuels revenues, up from 11% pre-COVID





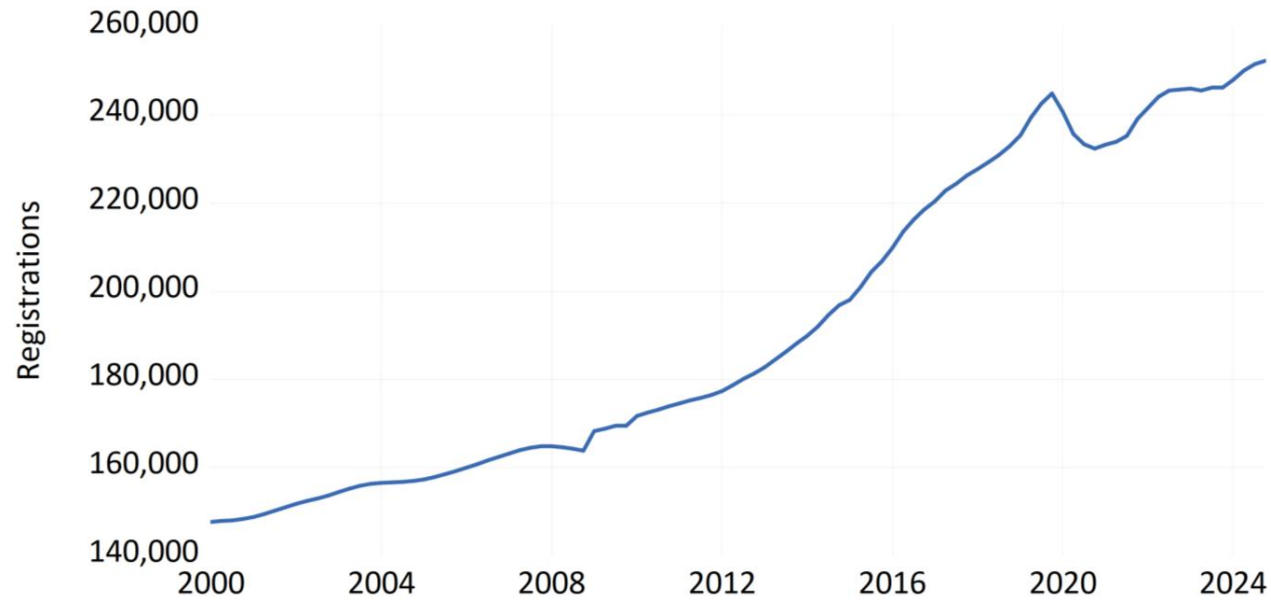
Fuel Use: Monthly Sales relative to same month 2019



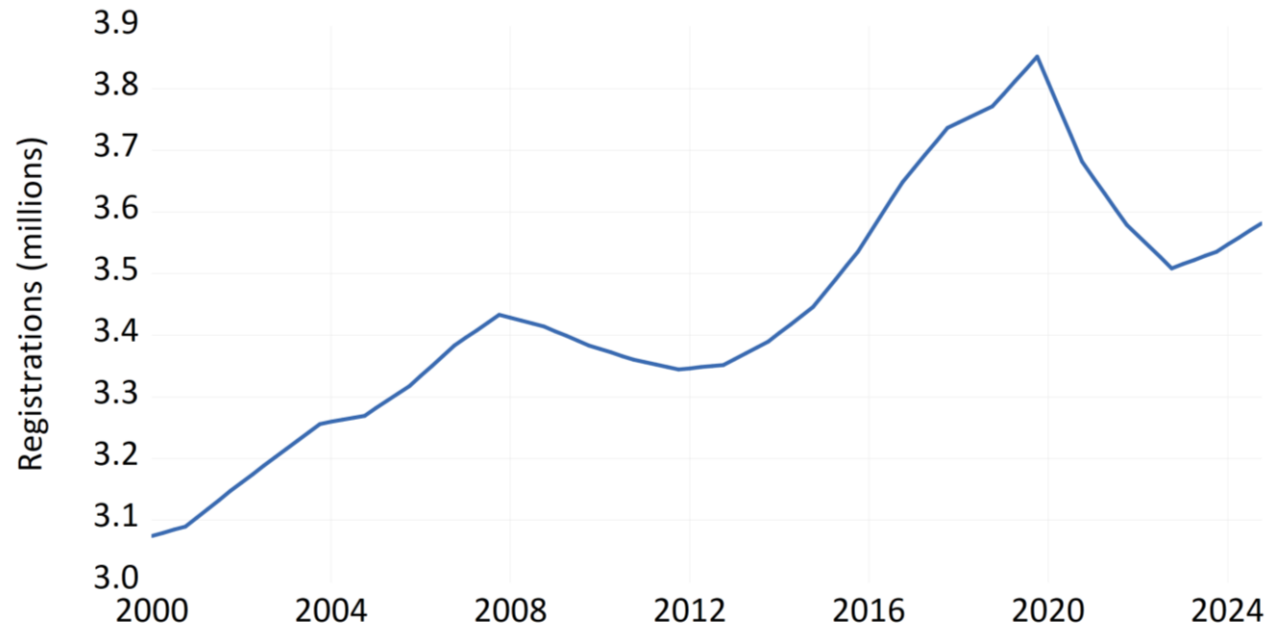
Fuel Use: Cumulative Sales relative to same month 2019. Net 444M gallon reduction, but...



Light Diesel Vehicle Registrations in Oregon 2000-2024

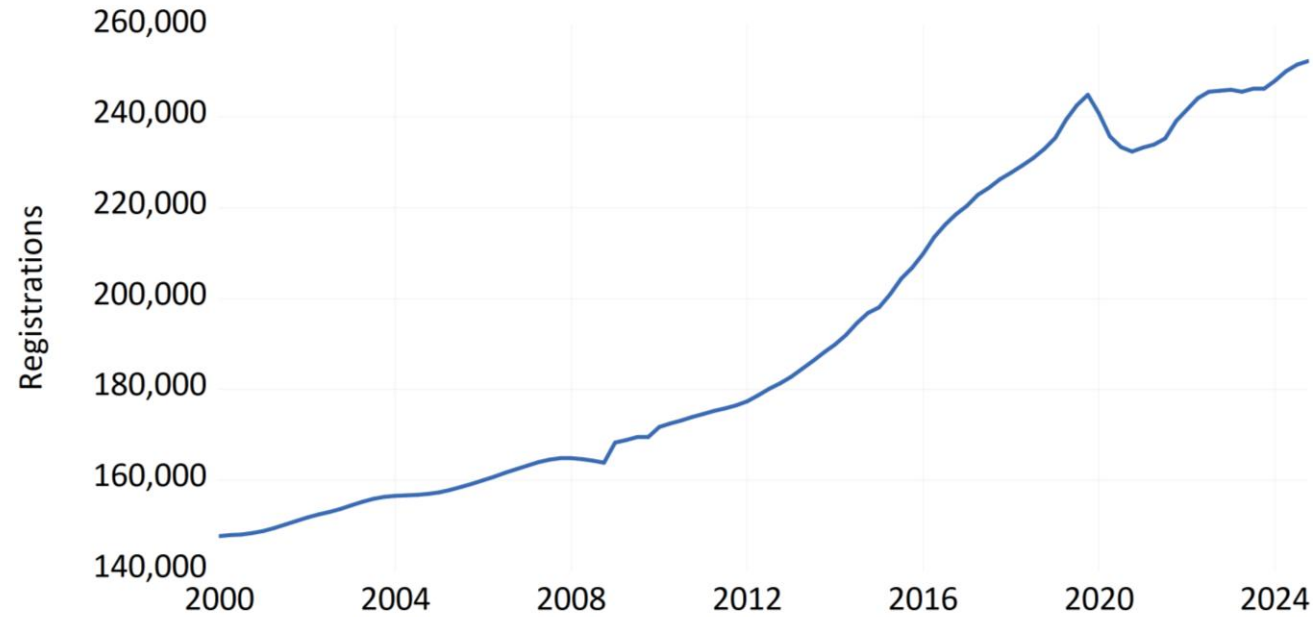


Light Duty Gas Vehicle Registrations Oregon 2000-2024

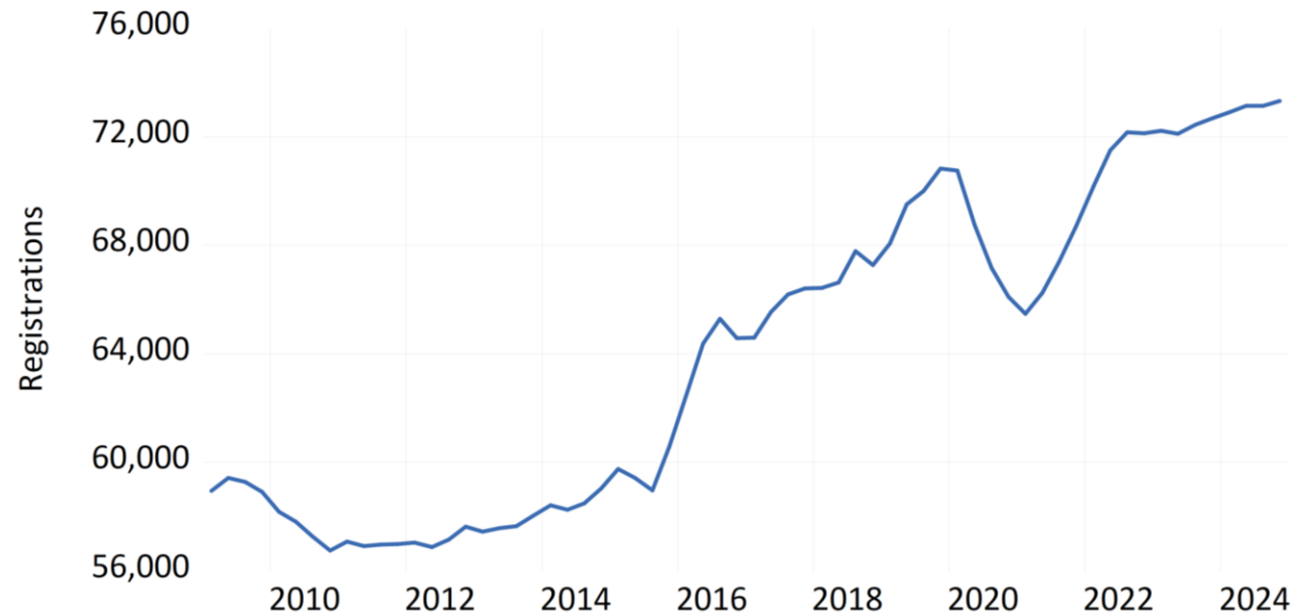


Light Vehicle  
Stock, Diesel  
vs Gas  
Registrations

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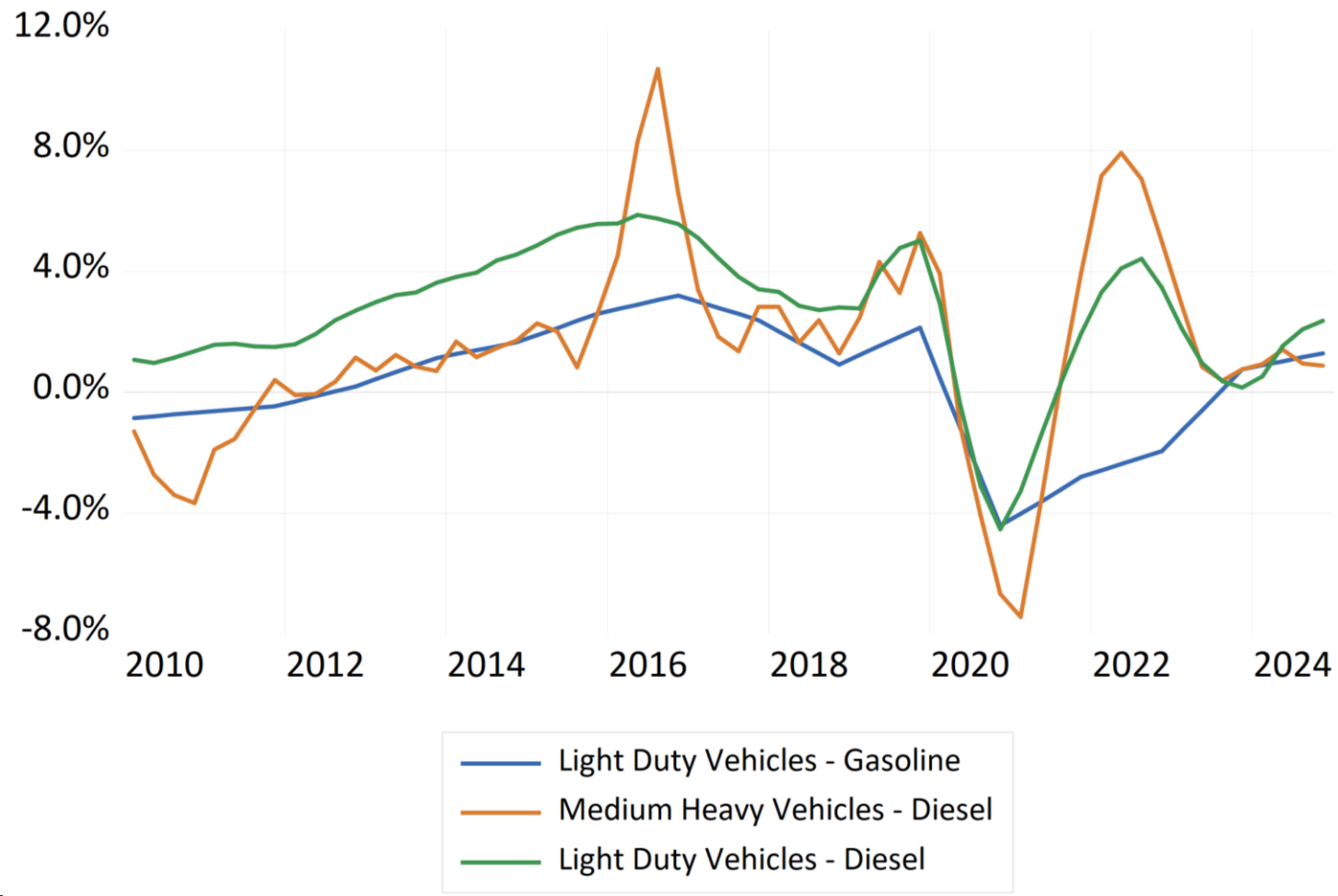


Medium Heavy Diesel Registrations Oregon 2009-2024



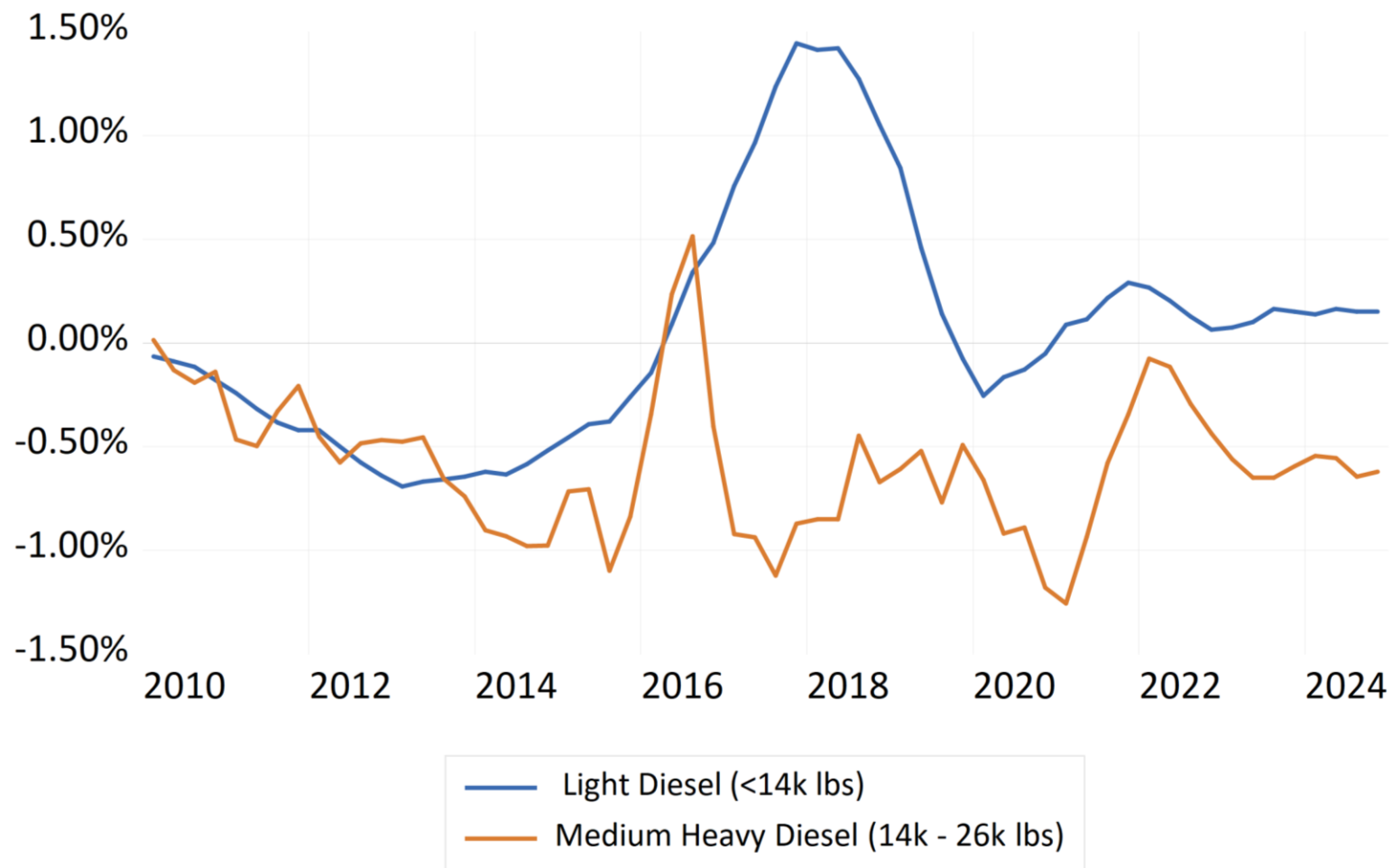
Diesel - Light  
vs Medium  
Heavy  
Registrations

Year over Year % Change in Registrations (Quarterly)



# Diesel Vehicles: Weight by Weight Class

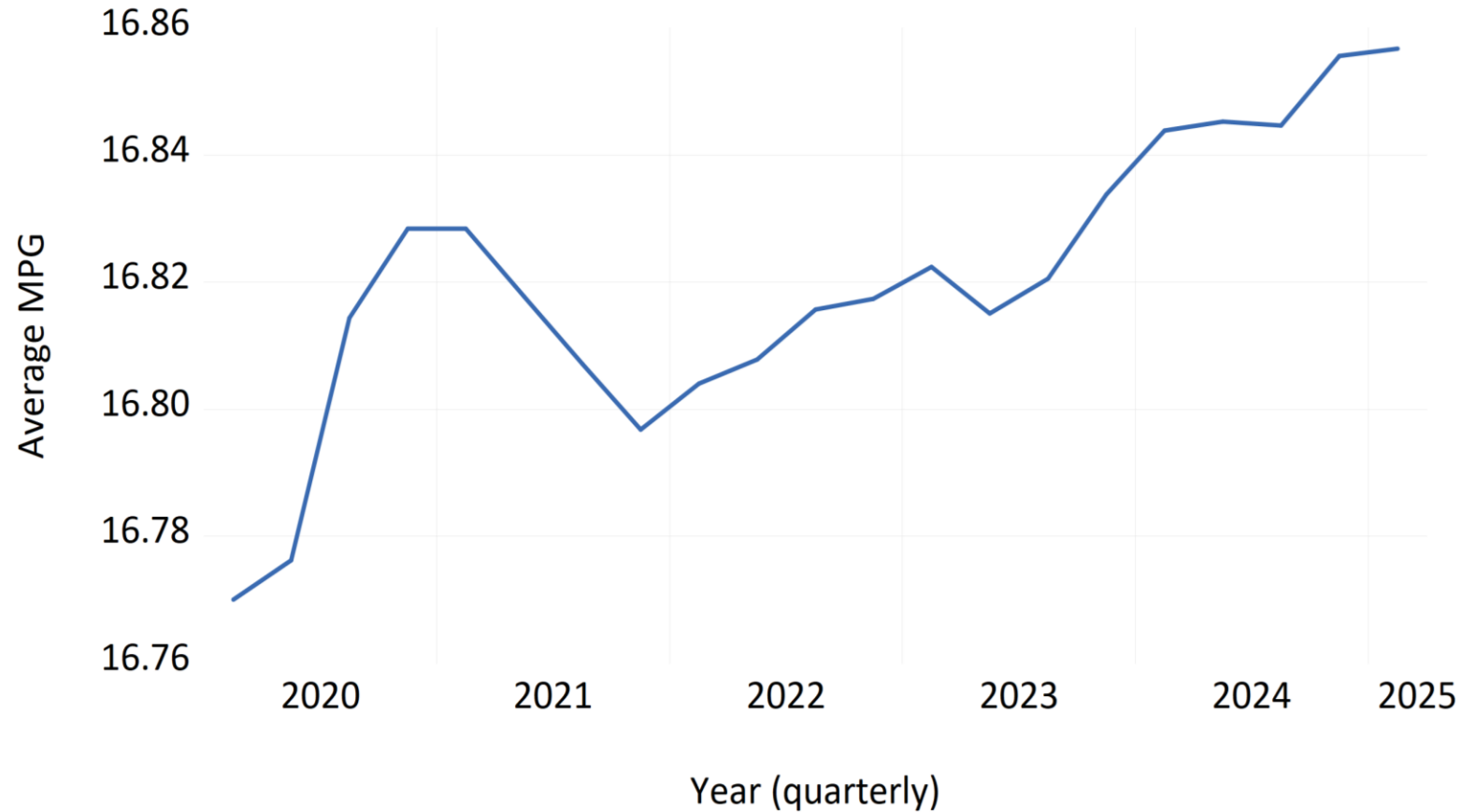
Quarterly % Change in Gross Vehicle Weight from Previous Year



# Diesel Vehicles: Growth by Weight Class

## Light Vehicle Diesel MPG Oregon 2020-2025

Source: Oregon DMV Registration Data




# Fuel Use: Fleet Fuel Efficiency

# Diesel Forecast Model (Quarterly)

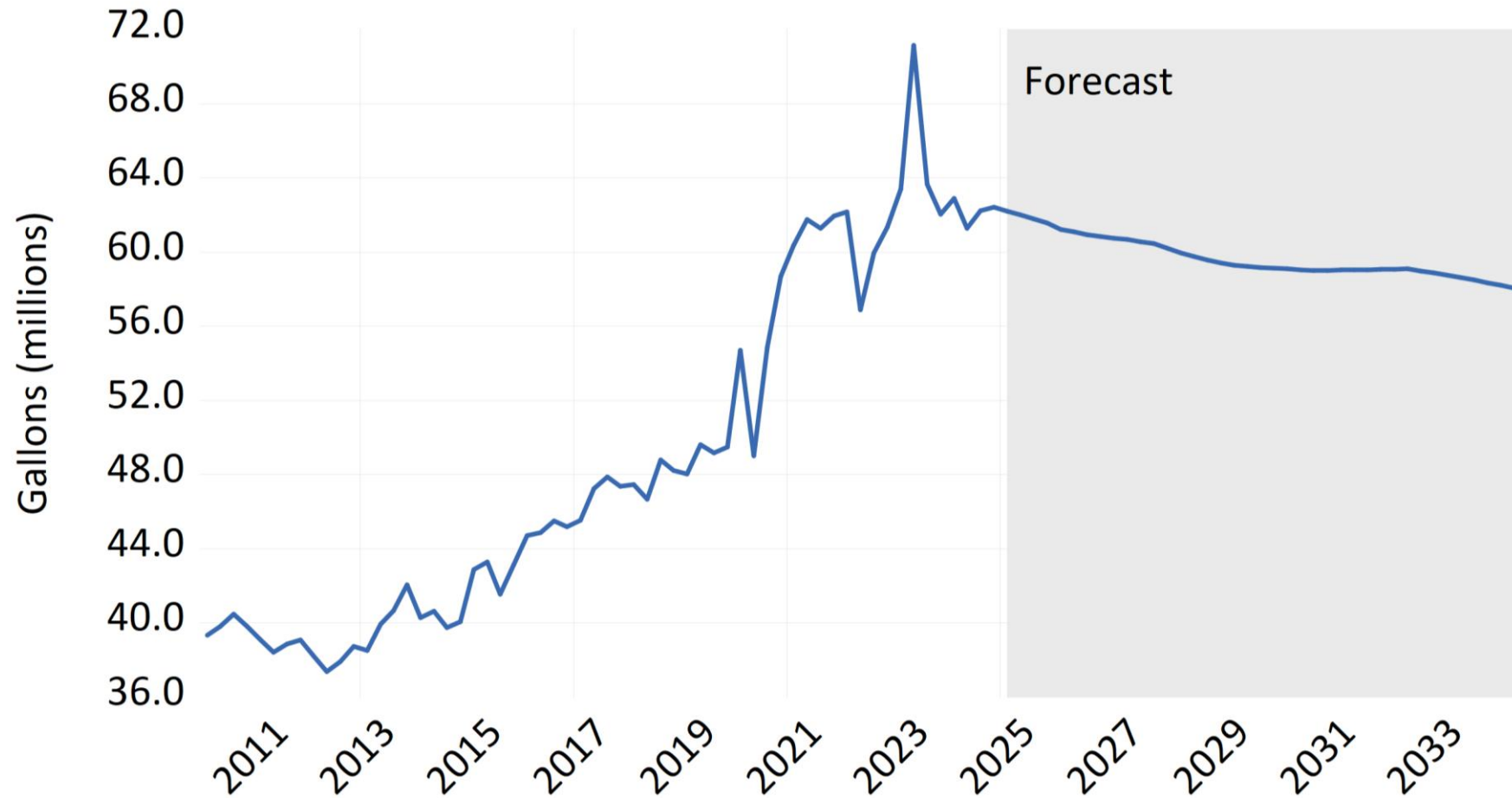
- Forecast of de-seasonalized quantities sold in the state
  - Use Fuel (Diesel)
- As a function of:
  - Real Diesel Price (Polynomial Distributed 4-Quarter Lag)
  - Stock of Diesel Vehicles
  - Oregon Trucking, Transportation, and Warehousing Employment
- Estimation of Coefficients:
  - ARMA Generalized Least Squares
  - Autoregressive term and Dummy for COVID-19 onset (2020Q1) included
  - Logs of dependent and independent vars for estimation

# Estimation Results

Dependent Variable: LOG(USEFUEL\_M\_D11)  
Method: ARMA Maximum Likelihood (OPG - BHHH)  
Date: 05/16/25 Time: 15:14  
Sample: 2005Q1 2024Q4  
Included observations: 80  
Convergence achieved after 36 iterations  
Coefficient covariance computed using outer product of gradients

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	3.349774	1.402620	2.388226	0.0195
LOG(STOCK_DIESEL_2504)	0.379189	0.208570	1.818044	0.0731
LOG(OEETWU_F)	0.888845	0.258311	3.440982	0.0010
PDL01	-0.025739	0.012611	-2.040938	0.0448
AR(1)	0.803788	0.054378	14.78136	0.0000
SIGMASQ	0.001224	0.000155	7.897680	0.0000
R-squared	0.964253	Mean dependent var	17.63327	
Adjusted R-squared	0.961838	S.D. dependent var	0.186212	
S.E. of regression	0.036377	Akaike info criterion	-3.704744	
Sum squared resid	0.097923	Schwarz criterion	-3.526092	
Log likelihood	154.1898	Hannan-Quinn criter.	-3.633117	
F-statistic	399.2214	Durbin-Watson stat	2.238360	
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000			
Inverted AR Roots	.80			
Lag Distribution of LOG...	i	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic
	0	-0.03861	0.01892	-2.04094
	1	-0.03217	0.01576	-2.04094
	2	-0.02574	0.01261	-2.04094
	3	-0.01930	0.00946	-2.04094
	4	-0.01287	0.00631	-2.04094
	5	-0.00643	0.00315	-2.04094
Sum of Lags		-0.13513	0.06621	-2.04094

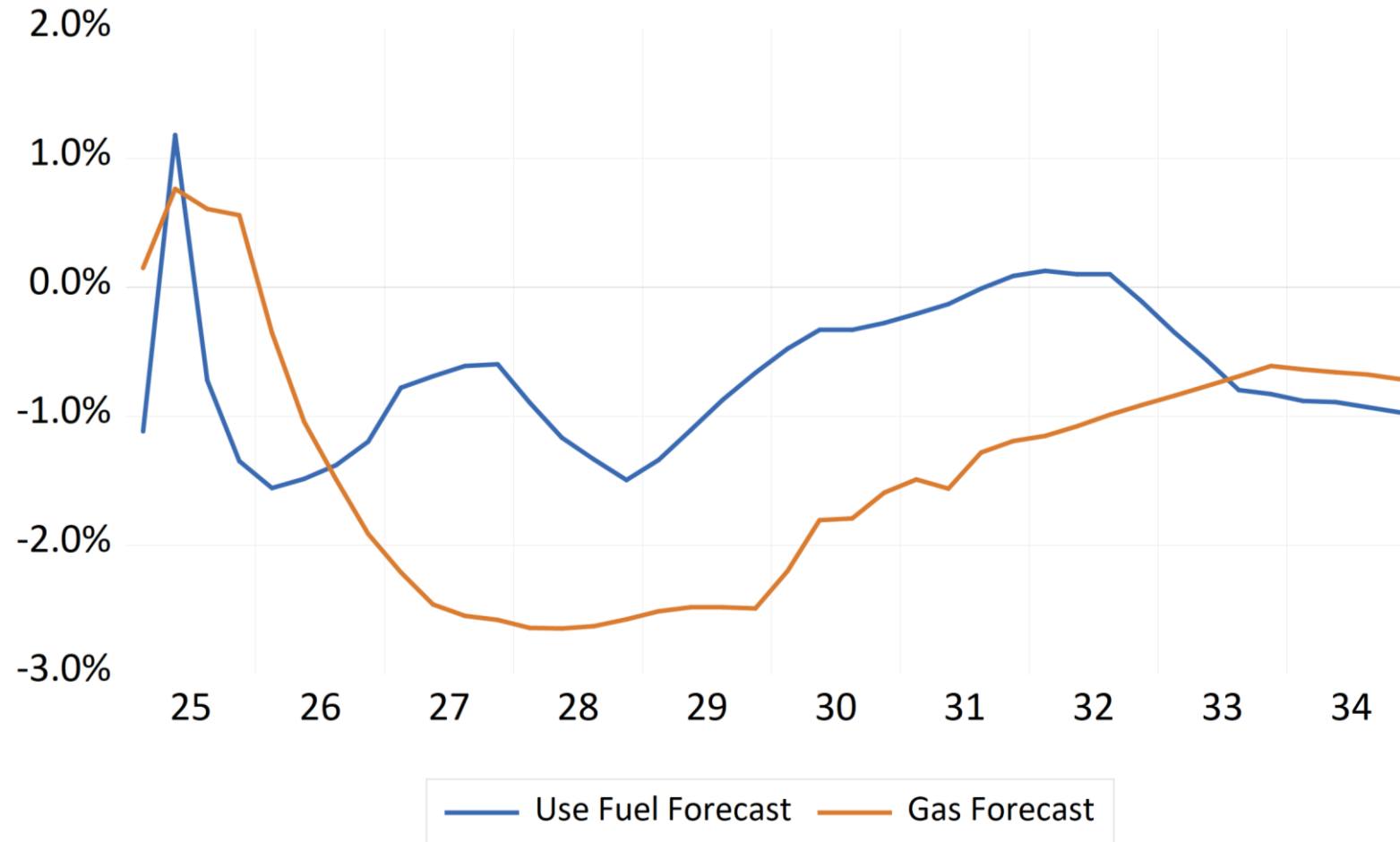
Oregon Diesel Forecast



# Diesel Forecast Results



Forecast YOY % Change Use Fuel and Gas Forecast



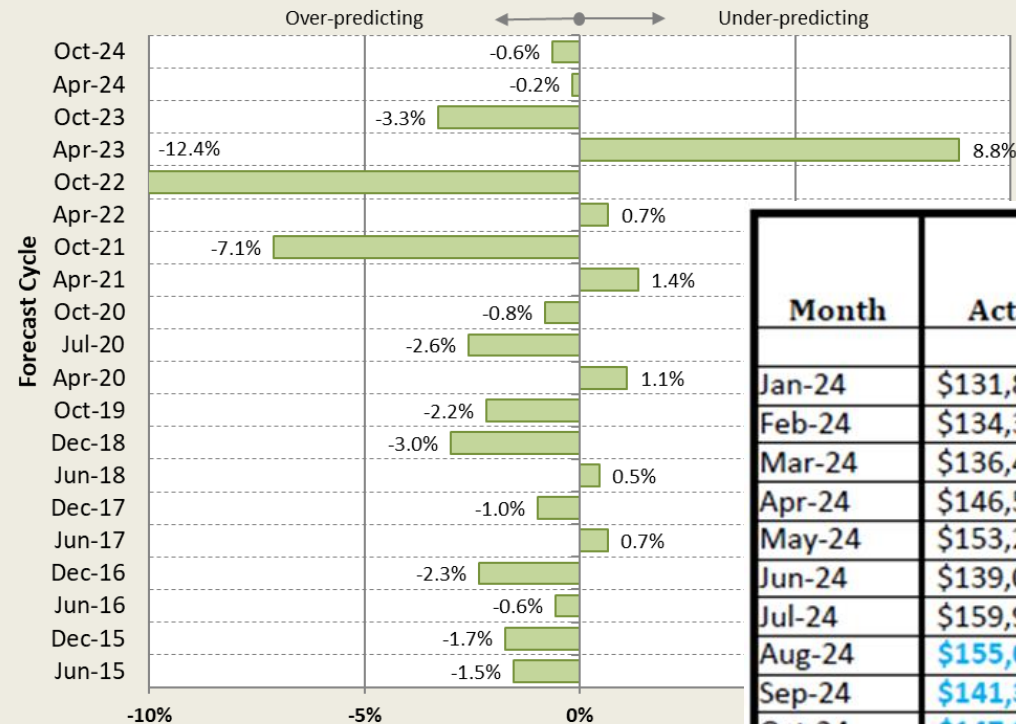
# Forecast Comparison

# Forecast Results: Summary

- Diesel use expected to fall slower than gasoline use.
- Recent history has shown increased adoption of diesel vehicles relative to gas vehicles, driving these differentiated results.
- Use Fuel (diesel) sales may provide buoyancy if online sales and truck delivery of goods remains strong.
- BEV Medium Heavy delivery trucks could impact results if trends continue, with Rivian Amazon trucks as early example.
- Larger diesel vehicles as primary vehicle for many households, especially in rural areas, may be playing a role as well.

# Forecast Results: So far, so good...

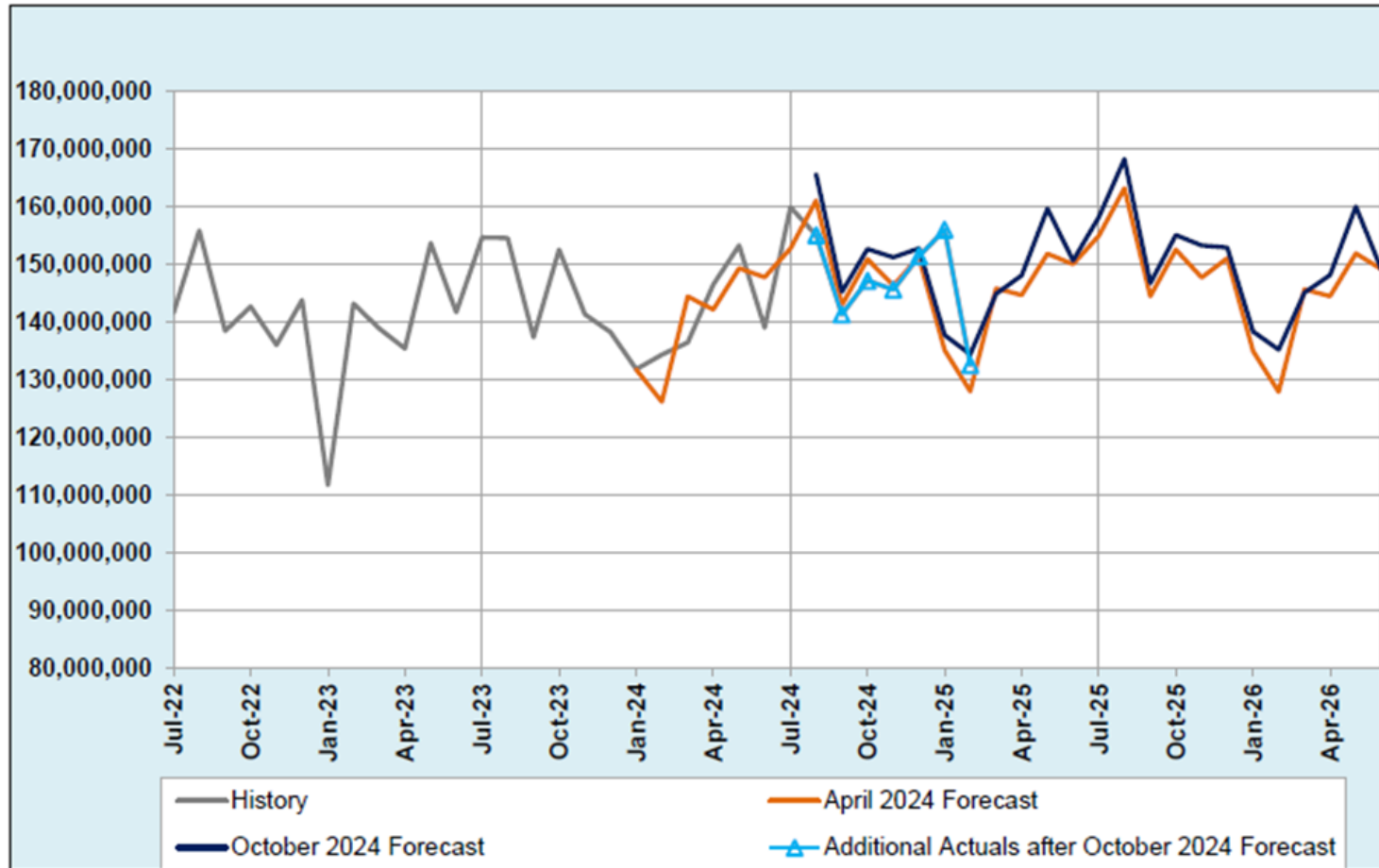
**Motor Fuels - Highway Fund Revenue Forecast Accuracy:  
Mean Percentage Error (MPE) - First Six Months**



Month	Actual *	October 2024 Current	Over/Under Forecast (October 2024)		April 2024 Previous Forecast	Over/Under Forecast (April 2024)	
Jan-24	\$131,818,792	-	-	-	\$131,801,248	\$17,544	0.0%
Feb-24	\$134,359,216	-	-	-	\$126,218,048	\$8,141,168	6.5%
Mar-24	\$136,475,680	-	-	-	\$144,431,648	-\$7,955,968	-5.5%
Apr-24	\$146,500,608	-	-	-	\$142,164,032	\$4,336,576	3.1%
May-24	\$153,289,504	-	-	-	\$149,318,928	\$3,970,576	2.7%
Jun-24	\$139,030,768	-	-	-	\$147,795,536	-\$8,764,768	-5.9%
Jul-24	\$159,918,192	-	-	-	\$152,772,544	\$7,145,648	4.7%
Aug-24	<b>\$155,095,712</b>	\$165,653,312	-\$10,557,600	-6.4%	\$161,063,664	-\$5,967,952	-3.7%
Sep-24	<b>\$141,344,592</b>	\$145,281,248	-\$3,936,656	-2.7%	\$142,979,168	-\$1,634,576	-1.1%
Oct-24	<b>\$147,205,936</b>	\$152,694,912	-\$5,488,976	-3.6%	\$150,919,904	-\$3,713,968	-2.5%
Nov-24	<b>\$145,656,592</b>	\$151,257,616	-\$5,601,024	-3.7%	\$146,366,144	-\$709,552	-0.5%
Dec-24	<b>\$151,414,032</b>	\$152,794,768	-\$1,380,736	-0.9%	\$151,300,752	\$113,280	0.1%
Jan-25	<b>\$156,046,784</b>	\$137,755,392	\$18,291,392	13.3%	\$135,110,864	\$20,935,920	15.5%
Feb-25	<b>\$132,575,504</b>	\$134,418,432	-\$1,842,928	-1.4%	\$128,012,704	\$4,562,800	3.6%
Mar-25	-	\$144,889,680	-	-	\$145,859,920	-	-
Apr-25	-	\$148,079,760	-	-	\$144,694,448	-	-
Cumulative Over/Under Forecast			-\$10,516,528	-1.0%		\$20,476,728	1.0%

\* Total highway actuals are not final because of lags in getting the actuals in certain program areas. In the cases when actuals are lagging the forecasted revenues are used instead, for that reason historic actuals will be adjusted each month as data

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Thanks!

Questions?

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