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The comments below are not in a ranked priority--- just thoughts as they come to mind.

I am opposed to the DNREC mandate.

The mandate hurts the poor. How do the inner city folks charge their vehicles? On the street??

The cost of EVs are beyond their financial capabilities.

The battery components Li and rare earth elements are procured in Chile (Li) and China and the Republic of Congo. Child labor, exploitation of labors in Congo and oppression of workers in China all taint the production of EV batteries.

Batteries are expensive to replace (\$16K?) are a fire hazard in autos(metal fires need alternative fire fighting techniques), recycling batteries in not now feasible.

Range of travel is low, especially in cold weather, on roads with significant elevation changes, in hot weather (AC usage), and heaters in cold weather (aside from cold weather decreasing battery efficiency). Heavy loads also cut mileage capability.

Charging times (anyplace other than home garages) are long, and in highway situations stations can get overcrowded, additionally increasing charging time.

California is already experiencing rolling blackouts. This will only get worse as the further eliminate fossil fuels and shut down a nuclear power plant. When the sun don't shine and the wind don't blow, you don't have power.

Cost of wind power, efficiency, are recycling of "old" wind stations are all bad.

Electric costs in De today are too high, with the imposition on the energy mandates.

Denrec is overreaching with "powers"-- we are not basket case California (yet). The decisions on EVs should be in the hands of the legislature not unelected officials.

Today the Supreme Court, in a 9-0 decision struck down the EPA Clean water overreach.

The same thing should happen to Denrec should they go forward with this poor ,

costly
and dictatorial mandate.

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