

Senate Bill 249

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Clarifies use of certain moneys in Clean Diesel Engine Fund.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Related to diesel engines; creating new provisions; amending ORS 468A.803; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 468A.803 is amended to read:

6 468A.803. (1) **Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section**, the Department of Envi-
7 ronmental Quality shall use the moneys in the Clean Diesel Engine Fund to award:

8 (a) Grants and loans to the owners and operators of Oregon diesel engines for up to 100 percent
9 of the certified costs of qualifying retrofits as described in ORS 468A.797 and 468A.799;

10 (b) Grants and loans to the owners and operators of nonroad Oregon diesel engines for up to
11 25 percent of the certified costs of qualifying repowers as described in ORS 468A.797 and 468A.799;
12 and

13 (c) Grants to the owners of Oregon diesel truck engines to scrap those engines.

14 **(2) Subject to and consistent with federal law as in effect on the effective date of this 2013**
15 **Act, any moneys deposited in the Clean Diesel Engine Fund under ORS 468A.801 (2)(b) must**
16 **be used for initiatives to reduce emissions from diesel engines.**

17 [(2)] (3) In determining the amount of a grant or loan under this section, the department must
18 reduce the incremental cost of a qualifying repower or retrofit by the value of any existing financial
19 incentive that directly reduces the cost of the qualifying repower or retrofit, including tax credits,
20 other grants or loans, or any other public financial assistance.

21 [(3)] (4) The department may certify third parties to perform qualifying repowers and retrofits
22 and may contract with third parties to perform such services for the certified costs of qualifying
23 repowers and retrofits. The department may also contract with institutions of higher education or
24 other public bodies as defined by ORS 174.109 to train and certify third parties to perform qualifying
25 repowers and retrofits.

26 [(4)] (5) The department may not award a grant to scrap an Oregon diesel truck engine under
27 subsection (1)(c) of this section unless the engine was manufactured prior to 1994 and the engine is
28 in operating condition at the time of the grant application or, if repairs are needed, the owner
29 demonstrates to the department's satisfaction that the engine can be repaired to an operating con-
30 dition for less than its commercial scrap value. The Environmental Quality Commission shall adopt

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 rules for a maximum grant awarded under subsection (1)(c) of this section for an engine in a
 2 heavy-duty truck and for an engine in a medium-duty truck. A grant awarded under subsection (1)(c)
 3 of this section may not be combined with any other tax credits, grants or loans, or any other public
 4 financial assistance, to scrap an Oregon diesel truck engine.

5 [(5)] (6) The department may use the moneys in the Clean Diesel Engine Fund to pay expenses
 6 of the department in administering the program described in this section.

7 [(6)] (7) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this section and ORS 468A.801, including
 8 but not limited to establishing preferences for grant and loan awards based upon percentage of en-
 9 gine use in Oregon, whether a grant or loan applicant will provide matching funds, whether scrap-
 10 ping, repowering or retrofitting an engine will benefit sensitive populations or areas with elevated
 11 concentrations of diesel particulate matter, or such other criteria as the commission may establish.
 12 The rules adopted by the commission shall reserve a portion of the financial assistance available
 13 each year for applicants that own or operate a small number of Oregon diesel engines or Oregon
 14 diesel truck engines and shall provide for simplified access to financial assistance for those appli-
 15 cants.

16 [(7)] (8) The department may perform activities necessary to ensure that recipients of grants and
 17 loans from the Clean Diesel Engine Fund comply with applicable requirements. If the department
 18 determines that a recipient has not complied with applicable requirements, it may order the recipi-
 19 ent to refund all grant or loan moneys and may impose penalties pursuant to ORS 468.140.

20 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 468A.803 by section 1 of this 2013 Act apply to**
 21 **moneys deposited in the Clean Diesel Engine Fund under ORS 468A.801 (2)(b) that are in the**
 22 **fund on the effective date of this 2013 Act, and to moneys deposited under ORS 468A.801**
 23 **(2)(b) on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act.**

24 **SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
 25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**
 26 **on its passage.**

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