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TO: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
RE: SB 824 relating to engine emissions

Chair Edwards and Members of the Committee:

The Lane County Board of Commissioners as a whole has not taken a formal position on SB 824 but as an individual commissioner I am firmly opposed to this measure having any additional consideration.

In preparing for this testimony I reviewed 2008 data relating to the Lane County Emission Inventory. Dust, wood burning stoves, wildfires, and prescribed burns are far more significant than diesel emissions, which amount to just over 4% of total annual emissions.

I further relied on my experience as a County Commissioner entrusted with taxpayer's hard-earned dollars.

I make the following observations:

- Raising revenue through assessing a tax on public improvement contracts reduces the resources available for the desired outcome. It further assumes that the best use of such money would be retrofit of diesel engines affiliated with the project. An obvious example of the limitations of this approach are where the available congestion mitigation resources are lessened to the point of not attaining the desired congestion mitigation. Would the relatively small particulate matter reductions possibly occurring through the use of these taxes be wildly offset by additional particulates created by the outcome of the available resources for the project itself. This measure assumes power retrofits are the best outcome irrespective of any kind of systems analysis.
- A registration fee practically all non-road diesel engines in this state is a huge over-reach of authority by the legislature. Moreso, leaving the actual fee structure to the Environmental Quality Commission, an appointed body, leaves me very uncomfortable.
- The repeal of ORS 825.615 will lead to a patchwork of local laws addressing idling standards. These laws are un-enforceable and result in frustration with elected local officials on the part of constituents. This environment is not conducive to building trust in local government.

I conclude the resources required for this bill would be better spent on wildfire mitigation or support for rural road dust mitigation, and I would be happy to work with the Committee on securing additional resources for either of those services in pursuit of better health outcomes for Oregonians.

This bill will only damage the ability of small Oregon companies to thrive in our State. I urge no further action on this measure.