

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/15/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.) Request Referral To Ways And Means .**Meeting Dates:** 04/01, 04/15**Vote:**

Yeas: 3 - Dembrow, Edwards, Prozanski

Nays: 2 - Olsen, Thomsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes 19 member Task Force to Investigate Clean Diesel Program (Task Force). Requires Task Force explore and recommend strategy for implementing clean diesel program. Requires Task Force to take certain actions in developing strategy. Requires Task Force to submit preliminary report no later than September 15, 2015 and final report no later than September 15, 2016 to Legislative Assembly. Requires Legislative Administrator to provide staff support. Sunsets Task Force December 31, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect on farmers and other businesses reliant on diesel equipment
- Effect of diesel emissions on public health
- Requirements of California's diesel program
- Make up of Task Force to Investigate Clean Diesel Program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Diesel engines are used throughout Oregon and the United States because of their reputation for reliability, durability, power and fuel efficiency. In Oregon, on-road heavy duty diesel trucks and diesel construction equipment is the largest source of diesel exhaust. Diesel exhaust poses a health risk, particularly in urban areas that are close to highways and major roads.

Senate Bill 824A establishes the Task Force to Investigate Clean Diesel Program to explore and recommend a strategy for implementing a clean diesel program.