

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued  
**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/15/15  
**Action:** Do Pass With Different Amendments. (Printed A-Eng Minority)  
**Meeting Dates:** 04/01, 04/15  
**Signers of the Report:** Sen. Alan Olsen, Sen. Chuck Thomsen  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to prepare revisions to Oregon's State Implementation Plan under federal Clean Air Act, for submission to US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval, by adopting criteria, methods, and standards for inspecting motor vehicles for certification of motor vehicle pollution control systems that are modeled on State of Washington's Motor Vehicle Emission Check Program. Requires EQC to submit revisions to EPA by specified date. Requires Department of Environmental Quality to report to Legislative Assembly within 60 days after EPA acts on revisions and, if EPA approves revisions, to include recommendations for legislation in report. 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 MINORITY AMENDMENT:**

Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

A State Implementation Plan (SIP) is the federally approved and enforceable plan by which each state identifies how it will attain and/or maintain the health-related and welfare-related National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) described in Section 109 of the Clean Air Act and 40 Code of Federal Regulations 50.4 through 50.12. The process of developing a SIP starts when the state develops a draft SIP that contains control measures and strategies, proposes it in a public process, formally adopts it, and submits it to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the Governor's designee. EPA must take formal rulemaking action to approve or disapprove a SIP, and once approved by EPA a SIP is included in the Code of Federal Regulations (Title 40, Part 52) and becomes federally enforceable.

Washington State's Motor Vehicle Emissions Check Program tests vehicle emissions to identify the most polluting vehicles and requires these vehicles to be repaired so that their emissions are reduced. Motor vehicles are Washington's largest source of air pollution. They account for more than 50 percent of air pollution statewide – nearly 1.3 million tons of air pollution per year. The Emission Check Program is required by federal law in areas that do not meet federal health-based standards for motor vehicles. The program applies to vehicles more than five and less than 25 years old that are registered in areas of King, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, and Clark counties.