

**Testimony of Cindy Robert  
On Senate Bill 1008 and -2 Amendments  
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
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Chair Dembrow and members of the Committee:

Metro strongly supports passage of SB 1008 with the -2 amendments.

In our previous testimony to the Committee, Metro supported SB 1008's intent to reduce diesel emissions, but urged the removal of the requirement that 25% of federal Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds be set aside for diesel mitigation. As the -2 amendments remove the CMAQ set-aside, Metro supports SB 1008.

Given the harmful impacts of diesel emissions and their disproportionate impact on vulnerable and marginalized populations within our region, Metro supports provisions of SB 1008 with the -2 amendments including:

- Allocating funds from the national VW diesel lawsuit settlement that are deposited in the state Clean Diesel Fund in accordance with the categories set out in the bill, including prioritizing school buses.
- Adopting, as appropriate, emission standards for diesel engines for both on-road and off-road equipment. By appropriate, we mean, for example: allowing for exemptions for farm equipment; targeting regions with the greatest diesel emission problems; and ensuring regulations are consistent with federal requirements.
- Increasing the use of clean diesel equipment on public improvement contracts through a one percent for clean diesel program.
- Establishing a non-road diesel registration program to provide needed information about the scope of the non-road diesel problem.
- Repealing state preemption of local regulation of idling of primary engines in commercial vehicles.

In summary, Metro believes SB 1008 supports:

- The Portland region's desire for equitable outcomes related to successful communities, including clean air and water and that the region is a leader in minimizing contributions to climate change.
- The region's 2014 Climate Smart strategy and Regional Transportation Plan.
- Improving the sustainability of our regional solid waste system by reducing harmful emissions from garbage and recycling vehicles.

**We urge you to move SB 1008 forward.** Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.