

Dear Senate Rules Committee:

Where I live, the air is dirtier than 80 percent of the country. Where I work, it's dirtier than 90 percent. I am sick of breathing diesel fumes, especially from the numerous construction projects in NW Portland. Many of them are near schools and residences of children and elderly. Please support SB1008 and help our air become respectable:

SB1008 is essential because:

- Diesel pollution in Oregon is increasing risk of cancer; damaging the heart, lungs; brain function; causing premature death; costing billions in health care costs and lost productivity.
- Diesel pollution is the sole source of one of Oregon's worst toxic air pollutants, and can contain cadmium, arsenic, benzene, formaldehyde and chromium compounds.
- Cleaner diesel engines can run with 95% less pollution; deliver as much as \$17 in health benefits for every clean-up dollar invested; and can deliver short-term benefits to our climate by reducing black carbon pollution.

thanks
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