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The Honorable Ginny Burdick, Chair
Members of the Senate Rules Committee
900 Court St. NE, S-407
Salem, Oregon 97301

Subject: Port of Portland Comments on Senate Bill 1008-3

Dear Senator Burdick and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SB 1008-3. The Port appreciates Senator Dembrow's leadership on the issue of diesel emissions and the opportunity to participate in the Clean Diesel Workgroup. The Port supports SB 1008-3 and asks the Committee to pass the bill.

The Port supports policy to reduce emissions from diesel engines to reduce health impacts and help the Portland metropolitan area maintain air quality standards for particulate matter. We are working cooperatively with the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Metro, and Clackamas County to explore the feasibility of developing a uniform clean diesel construction specification that could be adopted by participating jurisdictions in the Portland-metro region.

Addition of Airport Ground Support Equipment

The Port appreciates the addition of airport ground support equipment to Section 5 of the bill, as amended by the -3. This makes clear that electrification of diesel equipment used on-site at PDX (Portland International Airport) is eligible for consideration of the VW Settlement funds. This offers an opportunity for needed emissions reductions in North Portland.

Sincerely,

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