

Hello,

I am a concerned citizen writing to you to strongly urge you to adopt the -3 amendments to this bill being proposed in the hearing today. In fact, I think you should go above and beyond these amendments to make sure we are dealing with the serious health risks our state continues to have because of dirty Diesel engines. 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. What's really frustrating for me about the lack of political will to change this here in Oregon is that 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.

In fact, diesel engines built after 2007 achieve all of these benefits. We need to make sure we get the older ones off the road. We need a firm timeline for retiring or retrofitting the dirtiest diesel engines currently in use, or we will continue to lose lives and pay the high cost of chronic disease attributable to diesel pollution.

The -3 amendments are a step in the right direction: they establish timelines for school buses to protect our young people from the worst of the old, dirty diesel engines still in circulation on their way to and from school. But those same young people will continue to have lifetime health issues if we don't do a better job of curbing diesel emissions statewide. We must make sure Oregon does not inherit California's problem. By 2023, all of California's trucks and buses will run 95% cleaner, and old construction vehicles are also on a timeline for upgrades in California. Unless we take action, old engines that don't meet California's standards will be sold for many more years of use in Oregon. This will have a continuous and compounding health impact on all Oregonians. I hope you take this seriously.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.  
Tori Cole