

Testimony in support of HB 2007

Dear Chair Helm, Vice Chairs Reschke and Schouten and Members of the Committee on Energy and Environment,

Thank you for your work on this very important issue of limiting diesel air pollutants in our precious air.

My name is Catherine Bax. I live and breathe in Portland, a few blocks from my childhood home in NE Portland. I am 70 years old and am the fortunate aunt, great aunt, sister, wife or godmother to over 2 dozen family members who live and breathe in Portland. We range in age from 74 to 1 year. Of course, I am especially concerned about the quality of air that my **young** family members are breathing, but I am just as concerned about the diesel polluted air that all the children are breathing. It doesn't really matter whose children they are. We, as adults (voters, parents, neighbors, caregivers, teachers, legislators) need to clean up Oregon's diesel polluted air.

It is so upsetting to think that Oregon is the west coast state where the old diesel trucks can still operate. How did that happen? Take this opportunity to get rid of these diesel emitting machines now and make sure that compliance can and is monitored.

The timeline has to be short. No more diesel trucks in Oregon by 2023, or sooner if possible.

Old engines are old engines! Make it clear in the bill that newer trucks which have had their engines replaced by older engines are held to the same standard as other new trucks.

Incorporate a sticker registration program for all engines. The bill should require vehicle owners or operators to visibly display both the year of cab manufacture and the year of engine manufacture on the side of each cab.

Please work with your colleagues to pass HB 2007 with strong amendments that will effectively and quickly clean up the Oregon air from diesel engine pollutants.

Thank you for your attention. I would appreciate hearing how the bill is progressing and all that you are doing to make it a strong effective bill.

Sincerely,

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