



March 19, 2019

The Honorable Representative Ken Helm, Chair
Representatives Reschke and Schouten, Vice-Chairs
Members of the House Committee on Energy & Environment
900 Court St NE Salem OR 97301

Chair Helm, Vice Chairs Reschke and Schouten, Members of the Committee,

On behalf of The Street Trust, we thank you for the opportunity to comment **in strong support of HB 2007, accompanied by amendments to make the bill stronger.**

The Street Trust is a non-profit membership organization working to promote and improve public transit, walking and bicycling conditions in Oregon. Our membership represents over 14,000 Oregonians dedicated to create communities where people can meet their daily transportation needs through active transportation.

Increased access to walking, biking and transit is an integral piece of our progress in preserving clean air for everyone - especially folks who live near highways. However, mode shift is not the only factor to be considered. Children, the elderly, people with chronic health problems and communities of color are currently most at risk to air pollution, and we need to invest the VW Settlement funds to tackle diesel emissions in Oregon. We are proud to support HB 2007 with the addition of amendments that advance the deadline to meet 2010 emissions standards and close the "Glider Truck" loophole.

Please consider adding strengthening amendments and a vote "yes" on HB 2007.

Thank you for all your hard work to make Oregon a more clean and livable place for all.

Sincerely,

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The Street Trust