

**HB 2007**

**Relating to engine emissions**

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HB 2007 extends the authorized uses of monies from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement and authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality to adopt rules for certification of approved retrofit technologies to diesel engines as part of the registration and titling requirements. The measure also allows DEQ to adopt rules for a voluntary emissions control label program.

The measure appropriates \$407,718 General Fund to DEQ for two permanent full-time positions (1.66 FTE) to lead rulemaking and development of the certification program and of the voluntary label program. The Department identified additional positions that may be required to fully implement these programs as the rulemaking process progresses. If additional positions prove to be necessary, the Department may return to the 2020 session to request additional position authority.

DEQ does not need position authority or limitation to disburse the VW Settlement funds.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 2007 be amended by the -A12 amendment and reported out do pass, as amended.