



**FOR CLEAN AIR, FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS, FOR ALL OREGONIANS**

## **VOTE YES ON HB 2007**

**2019 is the time to invest in a cleaner, healthier and just future**

### **THE PROBLEM**

#### **Diesel exhaust harms human health**

- Diesel harms our hearts, lungs and brains. It contributes to cancer risk, as well as heart disease and heart attacks, asthma attacks, reduced lung growth in children, birth anomalies and autism, male infertility and more.
- Diesel pollution exceeds the state's health benchmark in 19 counties across Oregon including the three counties regulated under the bill. Multnomah County residents breathe diesel at levels nearly 8 times higher than the state's health benchmark, and Washington and Clackamas county residents breathe diesel at levels about 4 ½ times higher than the state's health benchmark. By passing this bill you will help protect 44% of the state's population.

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### **Some people and communities are more vulnerable to diesel pollution than others**

- Children, infants and pregnant women are especially vulnerable to harm from air pollution. Reducing early exposures that cause irreversible harm can improve health outcomes over a lifetime.
- Low-income communities and communities of color are two to three times more likely to be exposed to diesel particulate matter. Diesel pollution further burdens vulnerable communities that already experience greater rates of asthma and heart disease.

### **Old dirty diesel engines exact an economic toll**

- Diesel pollution costs Oregonians billions of dollars each year in health care, lost work days and lost lives. Every dollar invested in clean engines is expected to return \$12 in health benefits (such as reduced hospital costs).

## **THE SOLUTION**

### **HB 2007 accelerates diesel clean-up so that Oregonians can breathe easier**

- Phases out old engines in the tri-county area, requiring 1997 or newer engines in medium-duty and heavy-duty trucks by 2023, and 2010 or newer engines in medium-duty trucks and public heavy-duty trucks by 2029.
- After 2025, stops the titling in the tri-county area of engines older than 2010 for medium-duty trucks and engines older than 2007 for heavy-duty trucks.
- Accelerates clean-up of construction equipment by requiring 80% clean equipment on state-funded construction projects costing \$20 million or more in the tri-county area and advises construction equipment to display a sticker that shows the emissions profile of the engine.

### **HB 2007 gives fleets time to clean up and assists them with the transition**

- Targets VW settlement funds to help clean up diesel engines, focusing on trucks and equipment subject to clean-up, applications that support cleaner fuels, and grant applicants running minority-owned, women-owned, service-disabled veteran owned businesses, disadvantaged business enterprises, or emerging small businesses.
- Creates a task force to develop new funding strategies to support businesses across the state in upgrading their fleets.
- As an added benefit, modernizing truck fleets and construction equipment with new engines and cleaner fuels reduces fuel and maintenance costs, saving small businesses money.

In 16 other counties, residents are breathing diesel exhaust at levels above the state's health benchmark. HB 2007 marks the start of the critical transition away from dirty diesel, and should serve as a model for statewide protections.