



The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a 101-year-old grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

March 3, 2021

To: House Committee on Energy and Environment
Representative Pam Marsh, Chair

Re: HB 2814 - Relating to indirect sources of air pollution - **SUPPORT**

Since 1968 the League of Women Voters of Oregon has been a voice on behalf of air quality. In more specific terms, the League supports: Adequate standards for control of all sources of pollution and strict enforcement of established rules and regulations, a comprehensive, coordinated program for management of air as a natural resource, and adequate financing for air pollution abatement programs.

The toxic diesel emissions found in non-road sources are responsible for the majority of emissions in areas of high population concentrations such as the Portland metro area. The high concentration of diesel particulate matter in our air presents a serious threat to public health, a threat that disproportionately affects children and environmental justice communities.

Diesel emissions have a disastrous effect on the environment. **LWVOR recognizes that the greatest environmental/moral challenge facing us at this time is climate disruption.** Black carbon's short impact time in the atmosphere means that reducing these emissions can have an immediate impact on the carbon levels and could play a key role in meeting two of our climate goals: first, a 20% reduction in the carbon emissions of transportation fuels, and second, supporting businesses in minimizing the carbon intensity of their supply chains.

Oregon's clean air laws lag behind nearly every other state when it comes to diesel, particularly California and Washington. Adopting these rules to establish and implement an Indirect Source Review Program is a practical and immediate way to minimize the disastrous impacts of diesel pollution. We can't afford to wait any longer to implement common-sense regulations that will help us on our way toward a greener future.

We urge you to pass HB 2814 and utilize the Indirect Source Rule to control diesel emissions.

Thank you for considering our comments.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca L. Gladstone".

Rebecca Gladstone
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Mates".

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