

**Department of Environmental Quality
Reducing Diesel Emissions**

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval, retroactively, of the submission of a \$2 million federal grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to reduce diesel emissions associated with freight handling operations.

The purpose of the grant is to use funding provided through the federal Diesel Emission Reduction Act to reduce emissions from diesel powered cargo handling equipment, locomotives, marine vessels, and trucks used in the movement of freight. DEQ worked with the Port of Portland and the Oregon Trucking Association on the grant proposal. The Department has proposed using the grant funds to replace older trucks and install advanced exhaust controls on 20 to 25 private fleet vehicles operating in rail yards, fuel terminals, and intermodal freight facilities in the Portland area. There is a 50% match requirement for this grant to replace vehicles, which would be paid by participating fleet owners.

Your Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval of the request.