

Testimony in Support of SB 1008

Senate Committee on Rules

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Chair Burdick and Members of the Committee,

I am writing as a law student at Lewis & Clark and an Oregonian to express my support for SB 1008, with the -3 Amendment.

Diesel pollution affects 90% of Oregonians, and acts as a climate change accelerator.¹

According to an Oregon Environmental Council report², dirty diesel pollution in Oregon:

- causes more fatalities than traffic crashes;
- puts 90% of Oregonians at excess risk for cancer;
- damages the heart, lungs, and brain;
- causes up to 460 premature deaths in Oregon each year;
- costs up to \$3.5 billion a year in health costs and lost productivity; and
- is at highest concentrations in neighborhoods with more low-income and people of color.

SB 1008 is an important step in the reduction of dirty diesel pollution in Oregon, which will make our air cleaner and protect our citizens, especially those who are most vulnerable, including low-income folks, people of color, children, and the elderly.

Please join me in supporting SB 1008, with the -3 Amendment.

Thank you so much for working to make our state healthier and safer for all!

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¹ Diesel emissions contain black carbon, which are “the second most important human emission” climate forcing agent to carbon dioxide, according to a Journal of Geophysical Research report. “Bounding the role of black carbon in the climate system : A scientific assessment,” 2013. http://e360.yale.edu/features/carl_zimmer_black_carbon_and_global_warming_worse_than_thought

² Oregon Environmental Council, “Dirt on Diesel 2016: The True Cost to Oregon of Delaying Action.” <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/dembrow/workgroupitems/5-27%20OEC%20Dirt%20on%20Diesel%20Report%202016.pdf>