

March 21, 2019



Re: Port of Portland supports HB 2007

Chair Helm and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments on HB 2007. The Port of Portland (the Port) supports the legislature's efforts to modify diesel policy represented in HB 2007. The Port recognizes that actions are needed to decrease emissions from diesel engines to reduce health impacts and help the State maintain air quality standards for particulate matter.

The Port was founded by the Oregon Legislature in 1891, and today manages Portland International Airport, Hillsboro and Troutdale Airports, four Marine Terminals, and is the largest holder of industrial lands in Oregon. The Port has undertaken actions to reduce emissions from its own operations. The Port's Commission set an ambitious goal in 2009 to reduce diesel particulate matter from Port-controlled operations by 25 percent from 2000 baseline levels by 2015, which was met and surpassed through the Port's investment in cleaner engines, alternative fuels, anti-idling programs, and repowering the Dredge Oregon which maintains the Columbia River navigational channel. The Port set a new, even more aggressive, goal to reduce diesel particulate matter by 75% below 2000 baseline levels by 2020 and has achieved a 65% reduction so far. We are proud of this success but know there is more to do.

The Port of Portland supports HB 2007 and would like to suggest several areas for additional considerations:

- Volkswagen settlement monies: HB 2007 gives preference to disadvantaged businesses and projects that benefit disadvantaged populations most impacted by diesel emissions. To fully address the firms most likely impacted by a clean diesel contracting program, the legislation may need to be expanded beyond disadvantaged business enterprises to include all COBID (Certified Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity) firms – DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise), ESB (Emerging Small Businesses), M/WBE (Minority and Women Owned Business), and SDV (Service Disabled Veterans Owned Business).
- Clean diesel in public contracting: In lieu of setting standards in statute that re disadvantageous to COBID firms, require, rather than allow, that the EQC (Environmental Quality Commission) design minimum standards that create a level playing field for COBID firms.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
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