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**Clackamas County Board of Commissioners  
Policy Position  
HB 2007: Diesel Engine Emission Standards**

**Clackamas County supports HB 2007:** The Board of County Commissioners supports HB 2007, which aims to reduce diesel emissions by creating a replacement schedule of older medium- and heavy-duty fleet vehicles for businesses and public agencies.

In Clackamas County, diesel particulate matter (PM) measurements average 0.45 micrograms per cubic meter, while the recommended measurement to promote decreased risks of cancer over a person's lifetime is 0.1. Diesel emissions are proven to contribute to heart disease and premature death, and are also associated with respiratory disease, low birthweight, premature birth, and cancer.

In addition to the new regulations, the use of Volkswagen settlement funds to support the replacement of older, dirtier diesel engines will benefit local governments and businesses alike, who will be required under the bill to retrofit or replace potentially dozens of vehicles over the next decade. Clackamas County currently has 17 medium- and heavy-duty trucks and equipment that will require an earlier than scheduled transition by 2029.

We urge a "YES" vote for HB 2007.

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