



March 3, 2021

Representative Pam Marsh, Chair  
House Committee on Energy and Environment  
Oregon Legislature

Re: Environment Oregon supports House Bill 2814

Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

Environment Oregon is a statewide, citizen-based environmental advocacy organization working for clean air, clean water and open space. We support House Bill 2814 because urgent action is needed to control diesel emissions to improve air quality, protect public health and mitigate climate change.

House Bill 2814 would direct the Environmental Quality Commission to use its existing authority to control diesel emissions from "indirect" air pollution sources, including equipment used at airports, construction sites, marine terminals and rail yards.

Diesel emissions contribute to climate change and negatively impact public health. Breathing diesel exhaust can elevate the risk of asthma attacks, heart and lung disease, stroke and cancer. This is a critical issue that requires meaningful action.

In 2019, Environment Oregon was a co-petitioner urging the EQC to take on this critical rulemaking, and we are in full support of House Bill 2814. We urge its passage to protect public health and reduce climate pollution.

Sincerely,

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State Director