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Oregon has a history of slow implementation of rules to limit emissions of very fine particles (PM 2.5) from diesel engines. These particles are known to cause health problems and deaths in Oregon. Passage of the Right to a Healthy Environment (SJR 28) by the voters would give the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) a better foundation to protect health from air pollution.

Oregon's health target for reducing diesel pollution is one-thirtieth as stringent as in Washington or California. And Oregon is not even close to meeting its goal. Diesel pollution contributes to what the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates are as many as 460 premature deaths a year in Oregon.

(<https://projects.oregonlive.com/polluted-by-money/part-3> March 8, 2019)