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Position on Bill at 2018
Session of Oregon Legislature:

HB 4003: Support, but should go much further

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which

- Requires certain public improvement contracts to meet certain requirements related to use of diesel engines in course of performing public improvement contract.
- Requires Environmental Quality Commission to adopt indirect source review program by rule.
- Requires certain nonroad diesel engines to be registered with Department of Environmental Quality.
- Authorizes commission to adopt rules and registration fees.
- Directs commission to adopt by rule diesel engine emission standards for medium-duty trucks, heavy-duty trucks and nonroad diesel engines.
- Requires commission to phase in implementation of certain standards.
- Authorizes additional uses of moneys received by state pursuant to Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement.
- Repeals state preemption of local regulation of idling by primary engines in commercial vehicles.

But it should require faster replacement of old diesel engines still in use in Oregon. HB 4003 allows use of pre-2007 diesel engines until the year 2029. That is far too long.

We applaud the repeal of state preemption of local regulating of engine idling, but we note that preemption effectively remains in SB 1509.

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