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Director of the Oregon Department of Education

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To: All School District Administrators & Transportation Staff  
in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties

With the passage of House Bill 2007 this legislative session, new statutory regulations have been added governing vehicles with diesel engines. ORS 468A.795 (9) and (11) define terms by vehicle weight without respect to function, including a “Heavy-duty truck” as weighing over 26,000 pounds and “Medium-duty truck” as weighing between 14,000-26,000 pounds. Because of this broad definition, school buses may fit either of these categories for the purposes of this regulation.

A matter of particular concern presents itself for pupil transportation entities in Multnomah, Washington, or Clackamas counties. Language in the enrolled bill specifies that the Department of Transportation may not issue registrations or renewals for vehicles in this area, depending on the age of the engine in the vehicle and whether it is owned by a public body or not. These limitations will take effect for medium-duty trucks in 2023, and for heavy-duty trucks in 2029. The language of the bill allows for retrofits of vehicles to meet certain standards described therein.

As you are aware, minimum standards for Oregon school buses outlined in Oregon Administrative Rule already place stringent requirements for diesel vehicles, but the new requirements introduced by this bill may further limit the options of pupil transportation entities and their contractors, if used. It is recommended that school bus operation fleet managers and their administrators review the regulations that affect them and determine which vehicles should be retrofitted or replaced to plan appropriately for future needs.

Please review the attached materials to familiarize yourself with the enrolled bill and its implications. If you have further questions, please contact Brock Dittus in the Pupil Transportation & Fingerprinting Unit at [brock.dittus@ode.state.or.us](mailto:brock.dittus@ode.state.or.us) or 503-947-5724.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

**Summary of House Bill 2007 impacts for Vehicle Owners**

	To Obtain Title	To Complete Registration/Renewal
<p>Medium-duty trucks 14,000-26,000 lbs (includes small school buses)</p>	<p>Must have 2010 or newer engine in 2025 &amp; after</p>	<p>Must have 1997 or newer engine In 2023 &amp; after</p> <p>Must have 2010 or newer engine In 2029 and after</p>
<p>Heavy-duty trucks Over 26,000 lbs (includes large school buses)</p>	<p>Must have 2007 or newer engine in 2025 &amp; after</p>	<p>Must have 1997 or newer engine In 2023 &amp; after</p> <p>Must have 2010 or newer engine Or compliant retrofits In 2029 and after If owned by a public body</p> <p>Must have 2010 or newer engine Or compliant retrofits In 2029 and after If not owned by a public body</p>