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GEI Participates in Bag it Forward at New Seasons Mountain Park

The Green Energy Institute is proud to be a partner with New Seasons' Bag it Forward program! When New Seasons' shoppers bring in their own reusable bags (or reusable bulk bags, jars, or other containers), they can opt to donate their 5 cent reusable bag refund to a community non-profit through the Bag it Forward program. GEI can be chosen as a recipient at the "bean station" (pictured here) at the Mountain Park location on Monroe Parkway in Lake Oswego. We are grateful to New Seasons for choosing GEI for their Bag it Forward program, which not only helps raise donations to support our work, but also raises awareness about our organization in the community! We hope you'll swing by New Seasons Mountain Park and drop a bean in for GEI!



HB2007 Diesel Bill Hearing on Tuesday, March 19th

As we wrap up our *Deconstructing Diesel* publication on legal and policy pathways for reducing diesel emissions in the Portland Metropolitan area (coming soon), we are also closely following proposed legislation in the statehouse for regulating diesel engines statewide.

<u>House Bill 2007 (HB2007)</u> would direct the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to:

- Phase out old diesel engines by requiring a 2010 model year or newer engine in regulated trucks by 2029,
- Adopt rules to prohibit regulated entities from adding trucks with older engines to their fleets, and
- Adopt an inspection and emission control label program to determine whether trucks entering the state comply with federal standards.

The proposed bill also:

- Repeals state preemption of local regulation of idling by primary engines in commercial vehicles;
- Requires certain public improvement contracts to require, when applicable, the use of diesel engines of model years 2010 or newer beginning in January 2020; and
- Establishes the Supporting Businesses in Reducing Diesel Emissions Task Force to consider funding strategies for supporting businesses to reduce emissions from diesel engines and the development of a voluntary program for nonroad diesel engines to demonstrate compliance with federal standards.

A hearing for the bill is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th at 1:00 pm in Salem. We invite you to submit comments in person or online. We support our partners in the <u>community</u> in supporting the bill and advocating for the following amendments:

- Match California's deadline for compliance, which requires 2010 model year engines or equivalent by 2023,
- Ensure that "glider" trucks, which are new truck cabs with used diesel engines, are covered by diesel emissions regulations with the same stringency as other medium- and heavy-duty trucks,
- Incorporate a sticker registration program for all engines, requiring vehicle operators to visibly display both the year of cab manufacture and the year of engine manufacturer on the side of each cab,
- Ensure the phase-in schedule prioritizes implementation in geographic areas of greatest concern (where sensitive populations are exposed, high concentrations of pollution exist, where the highest number of individuals are exposed), and
- Ensure the alternative compliance mechanisms (exemptions, deadline extensions, fleet averaging, etc.) do not result in fewer emissions reductions in the areas of greatest concern.

Thank You for Your Support on Lewis & Clark's Day of Giving

What an amazing Day of Giving! With the strong support of the Lewis & Clark Law School community, we met the match of 100 gifts with a total of 182 gifts in 24 hours, raising nearly \$24,000. An orange flag was placed in the law school's amphitheater for every gift (pictured here with Dean Johnson's pooch Bruno). Thank you to all of our supporters who donated on



the 13th! If you weren't able to participate, but would still like to give, we are, of course, appreciative of contributions any time of the year. Click here or the "Support Our Work" button below to donate now.

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