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**Testimony on the “RI Diesel Emission Reduction Act of 2007”  
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Environment Northeast is encouraged Rhode Island is working to address the very large public health and global warming problem caused by diesel emission each year in Rhode Island. Fortunately, unlike other public health and environmental challenges, diesel pollution can be solved in a proven, cost-effective manner through the use of diesel retrofit filters which reduce up to 90% of the soot. Below is a chart summarizing progress made by other states on this issue. It illustrates that Rhode Island has an opportunity to take similar measures to improve public health and reduce asthma and lung cancer and protect workers, commuters, school kids, and the residents of Rhode Island.

Jurisdiction	Diesel Fleets to Obtain Retrofits	Public Funding Source(s)	Allocated \$	Status
New Jersey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All School Buses</li> <li>Public &amp; Private Transit Buses</li> <li>Garbage &amp; Recycling Trucks</li> <li>Publicly owned heavy duty on-road and non-road vehicles</li> </ul>	<i>0.68% of Corporate Business Tax</i>	<b>\$150 million + over 10 years</b> <i>Starts 2007</i>	<i>In NJ Law</i>
California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Public Transit Buses</li> <li>Garbage &amp; Recycling Trucks</li> <li>On-road Heavy-Duty Public Fleets</li> <li>Off-road engines</li> <li>Stationary Agricultural Engines</li> <li>Harbor Craft (pending)</li> <li>In-state Trains</li> </ul>	<i>Legislative Approp., \$1.75 New Tire fee, \$2 Motor Vehicle Registration fee, Local Revenue Sources,</i>	<b>\$1 billion +</b> <i>1999 - ongoing</i>	<i>In CA Law and Regulations</i>
Connecticut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Buses</li> <li>Transit Buses</li> <li>State-funded Construction</li> </ul>	<i>TBD, CMAQ, Enforcement Penalties,</i>	<b>\$15 million +</b> <i>(\$11M school buses; \$4M transit)</i>	<i>Pending</i>
New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Buses</li> <li>Transit Buses</li> <li>Garbage &amp; Recycling Trucks</li> <li>City-funded Construction</li> <li>All Public Fleets</li> </ul>	<i>State Approp., City Budget, EPA Grants</i>	<b>\$35 million +</b>	<i>In New York City and State Laws and Regs</i>
Massachusetts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All School Buses statewide</li> <li>All Transit Buses statewide</li> </ul>	<i>CMAQ</i>	<b>\$22.5 million +</b> <b>2007-2010</b>	<i>Final Agreement between DEP + DOT</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All state-owned, leased or contracted fleets</li> <li>All municipal owned, leased, or contracted waste haulers</li> <li>Private Fleet Fund</li> </ul>	<i>TBD, CMAQ, Enforcement Penalties</i>	<b>TBD</b>	<i>Pending</i>