

Hoquiam School District

I believe that it is a great idea to use the funds allocated to improve infrastructure and air quality through out the region. In transportation, we face a huge expense when it comes to the area of emissions. Not only must we purchase new equipment, but we must maintain said equipment at an increased cost, and increased intervals. I would like to propose re-powering two buses that we currently have here at the Hoquiam/Aberdeen Transportation Co-op. We currently have 2009 international buses with Maxxforce 7 engines. We have had multiple emissions related issues with these buses. Due to this, we have had to take them off of routes, and now they sit. They are used as back up buses. If we were able to re-power these two buses to the latest version of the Cummins ISB engine, we would be lowering the emissions output of the bus, utilizing the best version of the ISB requiring the least amount of maintenance, and providing us with two buses that could be relied upon. We would not have to go out and purchase new buses. I believe that this approach, not only for my district, but for many others would be a wise investment for Washington state. Thank you.