

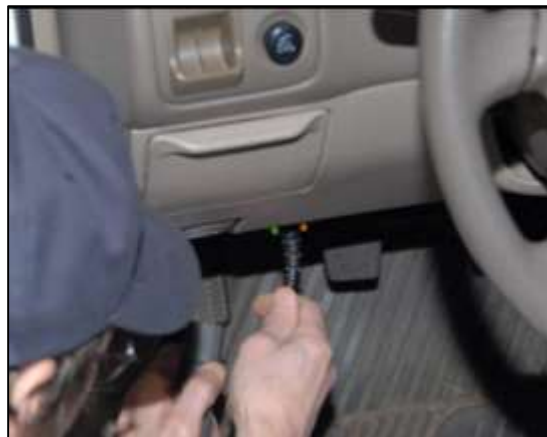
# Air Quality Division

## Vehicle Inspection Program Proposed Rule Revisions and Fee Increase

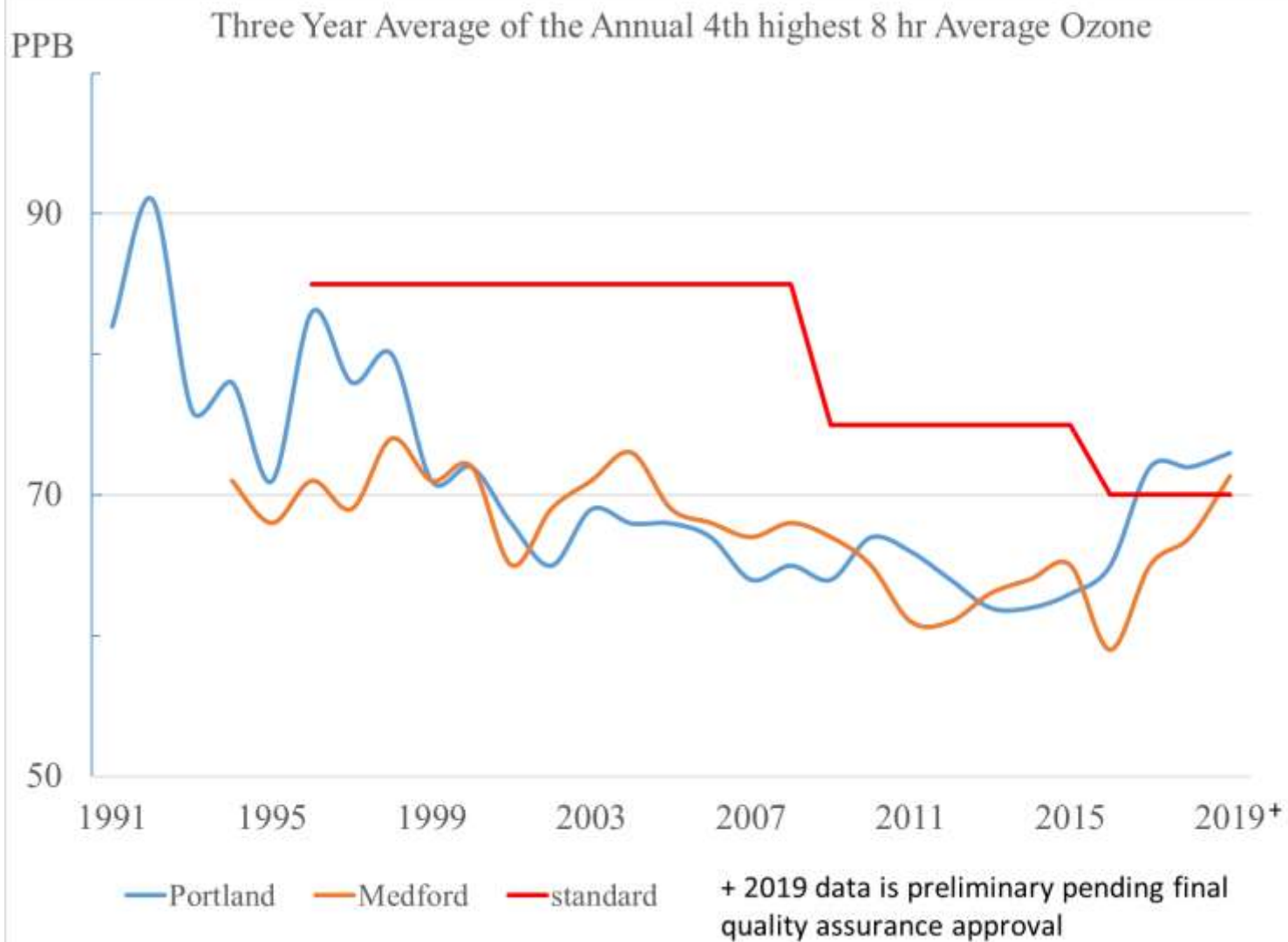
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# Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program Overview

- Portland and Medford areas
- 1.3 million biannual tests
- 7 stations
- ~90 staff people

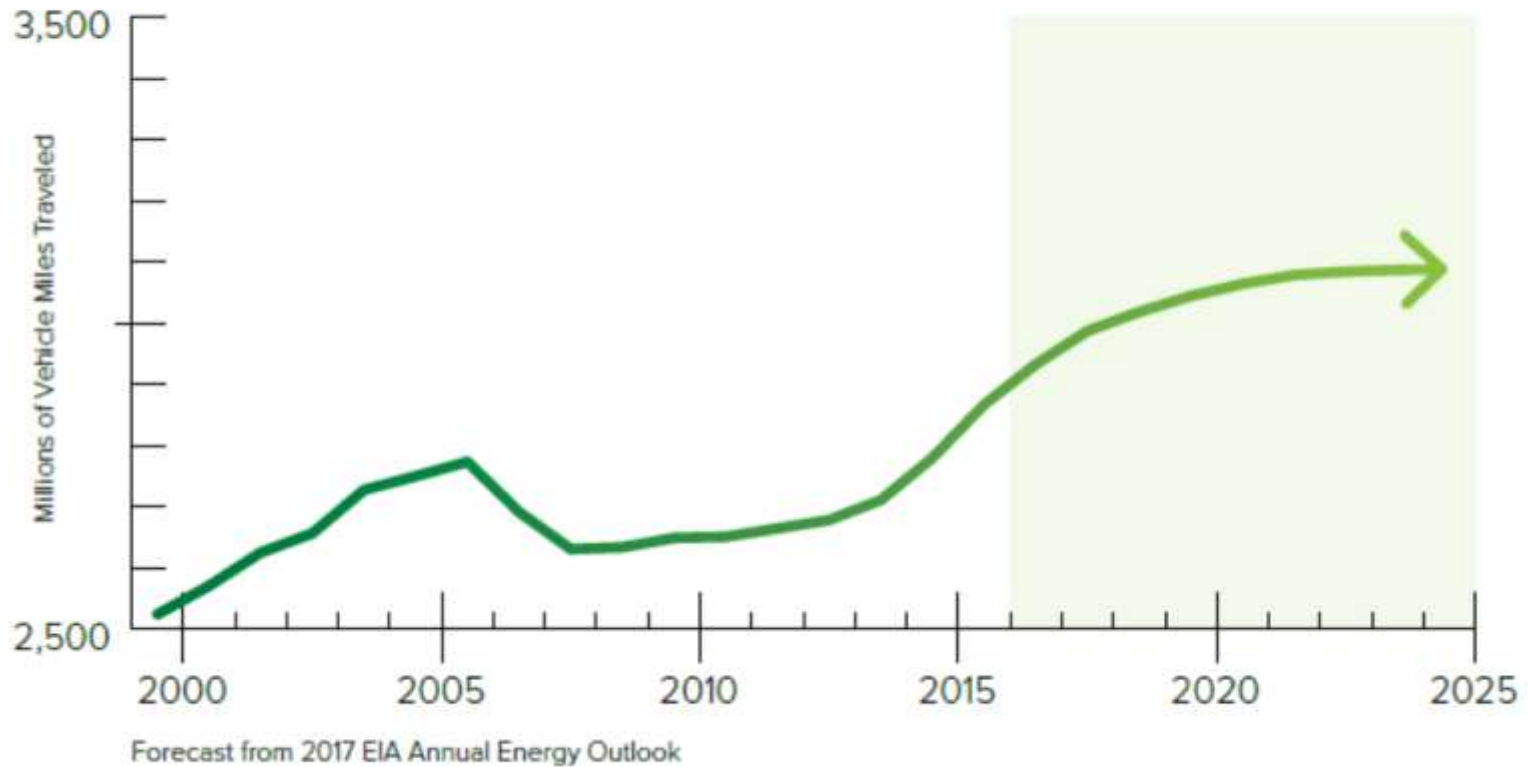


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## National Light-Duty Vehicle Miles Traveled



*Vehicle miles traveled continues to increase across the country.*

# Summary of Rulemaking Process

- **Fiscal Advisory Committee**  
September 3, 2020
- **Public hearing**  
October 23, 2020
- **Public Comment Period**  
September 23 – October 27, 2020

# Summary of Public Comments

Support  
fee  
increase

- Sustain program
- Pollutant reduction

Lower  
sub fee

- Remote testing

# Rulemaking Background and Status

Legislative  
Committee  
approval  
February 2020

Temporary Fee  
Increase May  
2020

Proposed  
permanent fee  
increase  
November 2020

# Cost Effectiveness Statutory Requirement

**ORS  
468A.400**

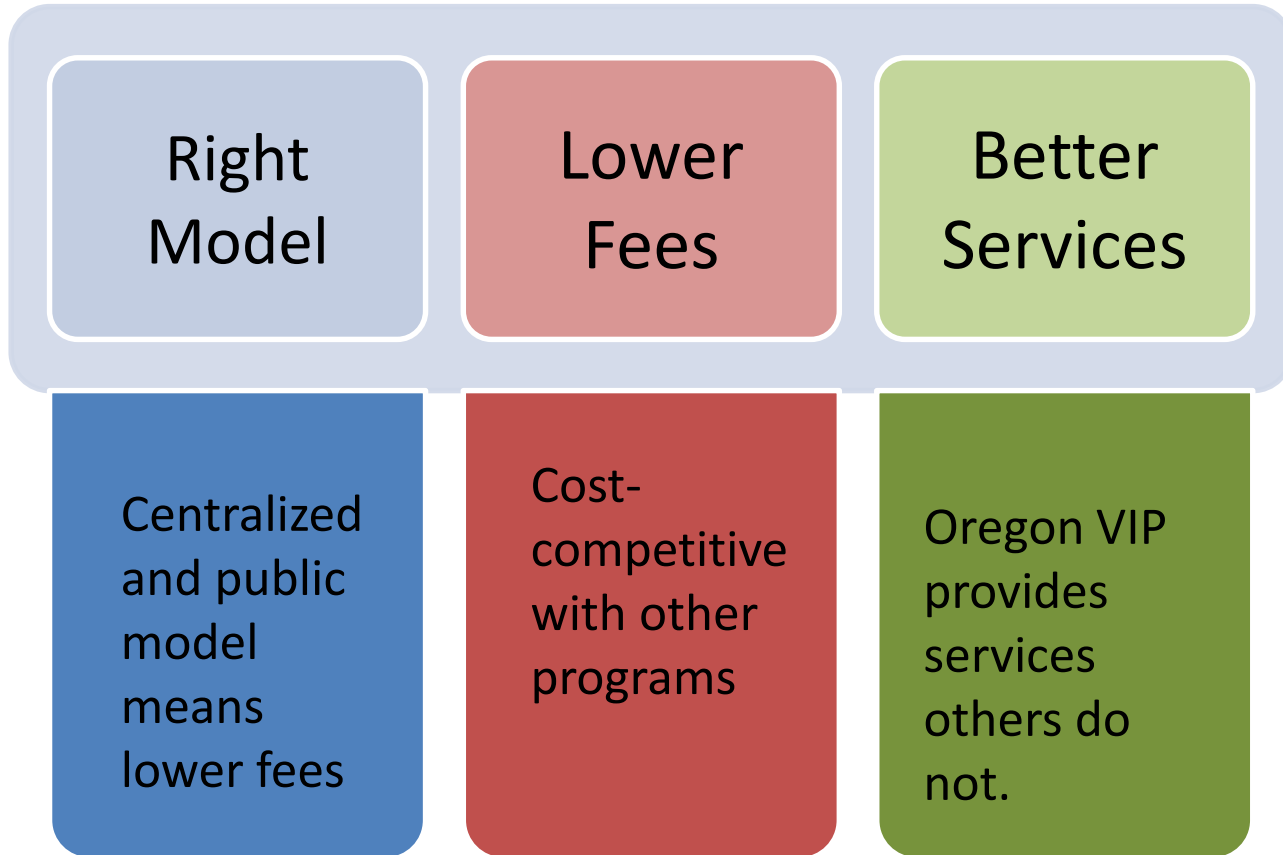
- the commission shall determine the most cost effective program consistent with Clean Air Act requirements

**ORS  
468A.370**

- the most cost effective method of conducting a motor vehicle pollution control system inspection program



# VIP Cost Effectiveness Findings



# VIP Unique Services

## Timeliness and Customer Service

- 10 minute wait times

## Partnerships

- Hybrid – “DEQ Too”

## Efficiency

- Self –service lanes

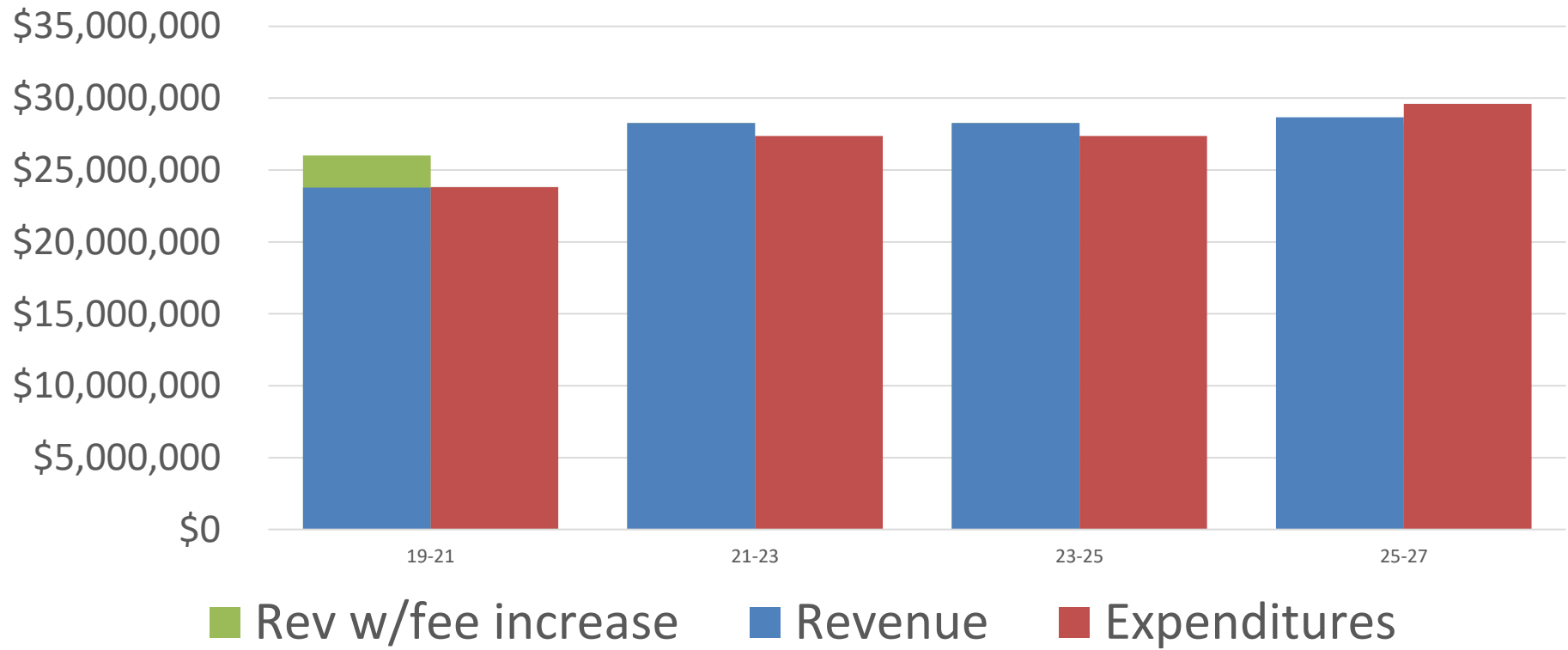
## Program Comprehensive Staffing Levels Compared to Testing Trend with Annual Tests per FTE



# Proposed Biennial Fee Structure

- **Portland Metro Area** – continue \$25 per certificate; \$4 increase
- **Medford–Ashland Area** – continue \$15 per certificate; \$5 increase
  - Effective July 1, 2021 the certificate will increase to \$20 and then be capped in the near term
- **Mobile On Site Dealer Testing** – continue \$30 per certificate; \$4 increase
- Expected to sustain the program through the 23-25 biennium.

# Projected Revenue and Expenses 19 – 27 (with fee increase)



## Questions?

# Oregon VIP



Dynamic and flexible



Outcome- and customer-  
focused



Cost Effective Long-term

# Recommendations

DEQ recommends that the Environmental Quality Commission:

Find that in accordance with ORS 468A.400 and ORS 468A.370, the Vehicle Inspection program, including the proposed 2020 fee increase, is the most cost effective program consistent with Clean Air Act requirements.

Adopt the proposed rules seen on pages 34 through 92 of the staff report for this item as part of Chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules; and

Approve incorporating these rule amendments into the Oregon Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan under OAR 340-200-0040; and

Direct DEQ to submit the SIP revision to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.