



**COMMENTS:**

- 1) *Purpose of the bill.* According to the author, "California has led the nation in setting strong air quality standards, and we should continue that leadership. At the same time, we need to ensure the path to compliance is workable for the small businesses, truckers, and operators who move goods and people across this state every day. The Clean Truck Check program is designed to reduce emissions from heavy duty vehicles, and that goal remains important. However, the shift to quarterly emissions inspections beginning in October 2027 creates significant cost and operational burdens that will ultimately be passed on to consumers. SB 1064 refines implementation of the program so California can continue reducing emissions, preserve our environmental goals, and ensure the system is fair, practical, and consistent with interstate commerce realities."
- 2) *Clean Truck Check Program: California's heavy-duty vehicle inspection and maintenance program.* Established pursuant to SB 210 (Leyva, Chapter 298, Statutes of 2019), Clean Truck Check is a regulation to test heavy-duty vehicles' emissions control systems for proper operation. Clean Truck Check applies to nearly all diesel and alternative fuel heavy-duty vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) over 14,000 pounds that operate on California public roads and highways even if they are not registered in California. This includes public vehicles (federal, state, and local government); motorcoaches; transit, shuttle and school buses; hybrid vehicles; commercial vehicles; personal vehicles; California registered motorhomes; single vehicle fleets; and vehicles registered outside of California (not including motorhomes).

Clean Truck Check began its phase-in starting January 2023 and is currently being fully implemented. The program combines periodic (ranging from annually to quarterly depending on vehicle class and use) vehicle testing requirements with other emissions monitoring techniques and expanded enforcement strategies to identify vehicles in need of emissions related repairs and ensure any needed repairs are performed. According to CARB, the program provides significant reductions in smog-forming and carcinogenic toxic air pollution necessary to achieve federal air quality mandates and healthy air in California's communities. Zero-emission trucks are exempt from the Clean Truck Check program.

- 3) *Federal Actions.* Over the last year, the current federal administration has carried out a series of efforts to ease / remove federal environmental mandates and specifically, environmental waivers for California. The federal waivers allowed California to set more stringent air quality / greenhouse gas standards beyond federal requirements. As a significant number of lawsuits have resulted

from these federal actions, it's unclear which enforcement programs will remain for the state. However, the Clean Truck Check program does not create or strengthen any requirements on vehicle emission standards, the program is designed only to help ensure that existing requirements are being complied with. At a time where California is losing so many tools to clean up / improve the state's air quality, it may go against the state's interests to substantially relax inspections of heavy-duty vehicles' emissions.

- 4) *Amendments.* SB 1064 was first heard in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee where the Author and Committee agreed upon a set amendments to be taken up in this Committee. The amendments will remove existing provisions proposed in the current version of this bill and instead direct CARB to develop a low-use alternative compliance option for Clean Truck Check, whereby vehicles driven less than 1,000 miles a year only need to be tested annually.
- 5) *Double referred.* This bill was double referred to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee where it passed on a 7-0 vote on April 15, 2026.

**RELATED/PREVIOUS LEGISLATION:**

**SB 210 (Leyva, Chapter 298, Statutes of 2019)** – Directed CARB to establish the Clean Truck Check program.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No    Fiscal Com.: Yes    Local: No

**POSITIONS:** (Communicated to the committee before noon on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.)

**SUPPORT:**

Associated California Loggers  
Associated General Contractors, California Chapters  
California Fuels and Convenience Alliance  
California Grain & Feed Association  
California Moving and Storage Association  
California Tow Truck Association  
California Trucking Association  
Pacific Egg & Poultry Association  
Western States Trucking Association

**OPPOSITION:**

350 Bay Area Action  
Active San Gabriel Valley  
American Lung Association  
Bike LA  
Central California Environmental Justice Network  
Central Valley Air Quality Coalition  
Climate Action California  
Climate Health Now Action Fund  
Coalition for Clean Air  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice  
Healing and Justice Center  
LA Forward  
Nature for All  
NRDC  
Regional Asthma Management and Prevention (RAMP)  
San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Santa Monica Spoke  
South Pas Active Streets  
Sustainable Claremont  
The Wildwoods Foundation  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
Valley Improvement Projects (VIP)

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