

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 6 - 0 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Beyer, Burley, Cannon, Jenson, Macpherson, Dingfelder  
**Nays:** -  
**Exc.:** -  
**Abs.:** Smith G.  
**Prepared By:** Cat McGinnis, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 4/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Increases the annual fee that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) assesses to generators of hazardous waste from \$110 to \$120 per metric ton of waste generated in a year. Increases the maximum annual fee charged from \$27,500 to \$32,500.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** DEQ hazardous waste work is funded by grants, state General Funds, annual fees on hazardous waste generators, and a portion of the state fee on disposal of hazardous waste at the Arlington disposal site. DEQ reports that these funding sources for the hazardous waste program have declined for several years and have not kept pace with inflation. DEQ reports that, because of declining revenues, it has reduced program staff from 55 to 40, the minimum number DEQ considers necessary to run an adequate hazardous waste compliance and enforcement program in Oregon.