

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Bailey, Bentz, Boone, Gilliam, Jenson, Smith J., Cannon
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Barnhart
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Meeting Dates:	5/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Environmental Quality Commission (Commission) to establish schedule of fees for registering any class of air contamination sources that a person is required to obtain permit for but chooses, if allowed by Commission, to register instead. Requires fee be based on anticipated cost of developing and implementing programs related to different classes, including but not limited to cost of processing registrants, compliance inspections, and enforcement. Authorizes Commission to establish schedule of fees for reporting of any class of air contamination sources that are required to obtain a state or federal operating permit. Requires Commission to consider total fees for each class of sources subject to reporting before establishing reporting fees. Requires Commission to limit fees established to anticipated cost of developing and implementing reporting program. Allows Commission to adopt rules necessary to implement act upon passage, but establishes that changes cannot be implemented until January 1, 2010. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Registration process as alternative to permit requirement
- Uses of data
- Potential fee levels

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) adopted a series of new regulations called the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants. These regulations will require thousands of small Oregon businesses, such as auto body shops, to get an air quality permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the first time. Senate Bill 103A provides the Commission with the authorization to establish a registration fee as an alternative to obtaining a permit. In addition, Senate Bill 103A authorizes the Commission to establish a schedule of fees for reporting.