

HB 2236 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Environmental Quality (Department) to conduct study and develop recommendations related to emissions of air contaminants from industrial sources. Requires Department to present results of study to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment and natural resources no later than September 15, 2018. Sunsets December 31, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Environmental Protection Agency defines air pollution as "the presence of contaminants or pollutant substances in the air that interfere with our health or welfare, or produce other harmful environmental effects." On April 6, 2016, Governor Brown announced the launch of the statewide, interagency Cleaner Air Oregon program.

House Bill 2236 directs the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct a study on air contaminants from industrial sources, develop recommendations and deliver a report to the Legislative Assembly.