

**Department of Environmental Quality
Air Toxics Ambient Monitoring**

On March 14th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Environmental Quality to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$649,265 for Community-Scale Air Toxics Ambient Monitoring.

The purpose of the grant is to investigate public health impacts of air toxins by quantifying diesel emissions from lesser-understood sources such as rail activity, construction, freight distribution, and marine vessels. DEQ will work with Portland State University and Reed College to monitor and analyze particulate and black carbon emissions for two to three weeks and develop chemical signatures of sources. The grant does not require a state match. The Department will hire 1 new position for 7 months to conduct the work. Funding is typically awarded within 3 to 6 months. Upon notification of a grant award, DEQ will work with the Legislative Fiscal Office on federal funds expenditure limitation and position authority as appropriate.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.