

# House Bill 3159

Sponsored by Representative MCLANE (at the request of John Huddle)

## SUMMARY

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Requires Environmental Quality Commission to prescribe acceptable levels of subsurface sewage disposal system releases. Directs commission to appoint advisory committee to assist with adopting rules for sewage disposal systems and disposal facilities.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to sewage disposal; amending ORS 454.615.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 454.615 is amended to read:

5 454.615. (1) The Environmental Quality Commission shall adopt rules that:

6 [(1)] (a) Prescribe minimum requirements for the design and construction of subsurface sewage  
7 disposal systems, alternative sewage disposal systems and nonwater-carried sewage disposal facili-  
8 ties or parts thereof including grading, excavating and earthmoving work connected therewith, and  
9 allow for use of alternative systems and component materials consistent with the minimum require-  
10 ments. [*Requirements prescribed under this section may vary in different areas or regions of the*  
11 *state.*]

12 [(2)] (b) Prescribe minimum requirements for the operation and maintenance of subsurface sew-  
13 age disposal systems, alternative sewage disposal systems and nonwater-carried sewage disposal fa-  
14 cilities or parts thereof.

15 [(3)] (c) Prescribe requirements for the pumping out or cleaning of subsurface sewage disposal  
16 systems, alternative sewage disposal systems and nonwater-carried sewage disposal facilities or  
17 parts thereof, for the disposal of material derived from such pumping out or cleaning, for sewage  
18 pumping equipment, for sewage tank trucks and for the identification of sewage tank trucks and  
19 workers.

20 (d) **Prescribe acceptable levels of contaminant releases from subsurface sewage disposal**  
21 **systems, alternative sewage disposal systems and nonwater-carried sewage disposal facilities**  
22 **or parts thereof. The acceptable levels of contaminant releases prescribed in rules adopted**  
23 **under this paragraph must be supported by scientifically based empirical analysis.**

24 (2) **Requirements prescribed under this section may vary in different areas or regions of**  
25 **this state.**

26 (3) **For the purposes of establishing rules under this section, the commission shall seek**  
27 **to balance design and construction requirements with the goal of encouraging economic**  
28 **competition among sewage disposal service providers.**

29 (4) **The commission shall appoint an advisory committee in accordance with ORS 183.333**  
30 **to assist the commission in drafting rules under this section. The advisory committee**  
31 **members shall include:**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1       **(a) Consumers of sewage disposal services;**
- 2       **(b) Higher education scientific investigators in subsurface sewage disposal systems or**
- 3 **related fields; and**
- 4       **(c) Representatives from the sewage disposal services industry.**

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