

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1541

Relating to toxic air contaminants

SB 1541 directs the Environmental Quality Commission to develop rules to reduce the public health risks of air toxics emissions. The bill also directs the Commission to develop a pilot program for assessing the potential cumulative impacts from multiple sources of industrial air toxic emissions and, under certain circumstances, limit those emissions.

The bill directs the Commission to establish a fee applicable to air quality permit holders to cover the direct and indirect costs associated with developing and implementing a program and rules to reduce the public health risks associated with industrial air toxics.

The Subcommittee recommends increasing the Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$2,000,156 for the Department of Environmental Quality to develop rules and a pilot program, and authorizing the establishment of 11 limited duration positions (5.00 FTE) for the 2017-19 biennium to develop and implement the new air toxics rules.

In addition, DEQ would support expenditures within the Oregon Health Authority to assist with implementing the new air toxics rules through a transfer of revenues from fees authorized by the bill. The bill also increases the Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$365,000 for OHA to accomplish this work.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 1541 be amended by the –A18 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.