

HB 5018 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 2/18, 2/19, 2/20, 2/21, 6/5, 6/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

House Bill 5018 is the fee ratification bill for the Department of Environmental Quality. The bill includes changes to fees that were administratively adopted or adjusted by rule during the interim and must be ratified by the Legislature at the next session.

The measure includes the establishment of a fee schedule for the air toxics program, known as Cleaner Air Oregon, as directed by SB 1541 (2018) and a 7% increase on the annual Underground Injection Control permits, which will fund the current program and have not been raised since 2007.

The Department's budget bill (HB 5017) assumes ratification of these fees and associated revenue.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Amount of revenue anticipated from fees
- Amendment to include Underground Injection Control permits
- Department's budget bill (HB 5017) assumes ratification of these fees

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Includes changes to the Underground Injection Control permit fees that were adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission in September 2018.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 291.055(1)(e) requires all new state agency fees or fee increases adopted during the period beginning on the date of adjournment sine die of a regular session of the Legislative Assembly and ending on the date of adjournment sine die of the next regular session of the Legislative Assembly are rescinded on adjournment sine die of the next regular session of the Legislative Assembly unless authorized by enabling legislation setting forth the approved fees.