

# Senate Bill 672

Sponsored by Senator BENTZ (at the request of Mark Butler)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Department of Environmental Quality, not less than once every two years, to provide for onsite wastewater treatment system maintenance provider training course to be held at Bend campus of Central Oregon Community College.

Requires Environmental Quality Commission to adopt by rule program for certain owners of subsurface sewage disposal systems or alternative sewage disposal systems to undertake maintenance activities.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to subsurface sewage disposal; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2019 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 454.605**  
5 **to 454.755.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) Not less than once every two years, the Department of Environmental**  
7 **Quality shall provide for an onsite wastewater treatment system maintenance provider**  
8 **training course to be held at the Bend campus of Central Oregon Community College.**

9 **(2) The training course required by this section must provide sufficient training for a**  
10 **person to receive certification, as required by rules adopted by the Environmental Quality**  
11 **Commission under ORS 454.615, 454.625 and section 3 of this 2019 Act to inspect, maintain**  
12 **or certify or supervise the maintenance of subsurface sewage disposal systems, alternative**  
13 **sewage disposal systems and nonwater-carried sewage disposal facilities or parts thereof.**

14 **(3) The training course required by this section must be in addition to, and not in lieu**  
15 **of, any other maintenance provider training provided for by the department or required by**  
16 **the rules of the commission.**

17 **(4) The department may enter into an interagency agreement to provide a program for**  
18 **training sufficient to meet the requirements of this section.**

19 **SECTION 3. (1) The Environmental Quality Commission shall adopt by rule a program**  
20 **that allows for a person to receive training and certification to undertake maintenance ac-**  
21 **tivities on a subsurface sewage disposal system or an alternative sewage disposal system if**  
22 **the person is the owner in possession of the land where the subsurface sewage disposal sys-**  
23 **tem or alternative sewage disposal system is constructed or installed.**

24 **(2) The commission may not require a person who receives a maintenance certification**  
25 **pursuant to this section to complete more than three hours of continuing education a year**  
26 **to maintain the certification.**

27 **(3) The Department of Environmental Quality may conduct periodic inspections of sub-**  
28 **surface sewage disposal systems or alternative sewage disposal systems maintained by per-**

**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 sons who have received maintenance certification pursuant to this section.

2 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-  
3 ated to the Department of Environmental Quality, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019,  
4 out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which may be expended for provision of the  
5 training required by section 2 of this 2019 Act.

6 **SECTION 5.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
7 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect  
8 on July 1, 2019.

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