HB 2814 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Environmental Quality Commission (commission) to establish and implement indirect source review program to control emissions of air contaminants from or associated with indirect sources of air pollution. Directs commission to require the owner or operator of the indirect source emissions that create or are likely to create significant air quality concerns to notify affected residents and businesses in the geographic area affected by the emissions. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Directs Environmental Quality Commission (commission) to establish standards for indirect sources of air contamination and adopt rules establishing an indirect source review program to control emissions of air contaminants from or associated with indirect sources of air contamination. Authorizes the commission to adopt rules for implementing indirect source review program, including but not limited to, requiring permits and emissions mitigation payments and notifying the public. Authorizes the commission to establish by rule an emissions mitigation payment to be paid by the owner or operator of an indirect source of air contamination based on the emissions of the indirect source of air contamination that exceed the standards established by the commission. Establishes the Indirect Source Emissions Mitigation Fund in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General, consisting of emissions mitigation payments and continuously appropriated to the Department of Environmental Quality for reducing public exposure to air contaminants emitted from mobile sources of air pollution associated with or attracted to indirect sources of air contamination.

BACKGROUND:

Indirect sources of air pollution are activities or places that attract mobiles sources of air pollution, such as vehicles and other motorized equipment. The federal Clean Air Act (CAA) authorizes states to regulate indirect sources. Chapter 468A of Oregon Revised Statute, as well as the CAA, allow the Environmental Quality Commission (commission) to regulate air quality in Oregon. House Bill 2814 would direct the commission to establish and implement an indirect source review program to control emissions of air contaminants from or associated with indirect sources of air pollution and require the operator of the indirect source emissions that may be responsible for significant air quality concerns to notify affected residents and businesses in the geographic area affected by the emissions.