

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5018

Department of Environmental Quality

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Pham

HB 5018 is the budget bill for the Department of Environmental Quality.

The Department of Environmental Quality restores, maintains, and enhances the quality of Oregon’s air, land and water. The Subcommittee recommends a budget for the Department totaling nearly \$717 million and supporting 857 positions. This amount includes approximately \$77 million General Fund, \$6 million Lottery Funds, \$300 million Other Funds, \$291 million Nonlimited Other Funds, and \$41 million Federal Funds. The Subcommittee recommends 22 policy packages. Investments include: Funding for activities protecting groundwater, restoration of positions to administer the Title V program, resources for environmental justice coordination, support for greenhouse gas reduction, funding for improvements in materials management and plastics reduction, and nearly \$10 million in Federal Funds expenditure limitation for awarded and anticipated grants.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 5018 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.