

# Senate Bill 494

Sponsored by Senator PATTERSON, Representative NERON (Pre-session filed.)

## 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**.

Directs Department of Environmental Quality to conduct long-term study of cumulative impacts of air contaminants in areas surrounding municipal solid waste incinerators. Requires department to report to public and interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment no later than September 15 of each even-numbered year.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to municipal solid waste incinerators; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Department of Environmental Quality shall conduct a long-term**  
5 **study of the cumulative impacts of air contaminants from municipal solid waste incinerators**  
6 **in this state. The study must evaluate exposure to heavy metals, dioxins and other contam-**  
7 **inants identified by the department in communities located near a municipal solid waste**  
8 **incinerator and the effects of that exposure on public health.**

9 (b) The department shall examine concentrations of contaminants in:

10 (A) The air, soil, water and vegetation in areas surrounding a municipal solid waste  
11 incinerator; and

12 (B) Individuals living within areas surrounding a municipal solid waste incinerator.

13 (c) The department shall perform tests, on a regular basis, that require sampling in  
14 varied air temperatures and weather conditions.

15 (2) In designing the study, the department shall consult with communities in the areas  
16 subject to the study to ensure that the study is responsive to community needs.

17 (3) The department shall report its findings to the public and, in the manner provided by  
18 ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environ-  
19 ment no later than September 15 of each even-numbered year. The report under this sub-  
20 section must include:

21 (a) Materials that clearly communicate the findings of the study to members of the  
22 general public;

23 (b) Training materials and other tools to allow community members to share study  
24 findings and take actions to reduce community health risks; and

25 (c) Translations of the report and other materials in languages other than English spo-  
26 ken in the area of the study.

27 **SECTION 2. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**  
28 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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