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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural
Resources

Measure: HB5018

Co-Chair Senator Pham, Co-Chair Senator Dembrow, and members of the
Committee,

My name is Dan Jaffee, and I live in northeast Portland.

I wish to testify in strong support of HB 5018, and specifically DEQ's air budget request for a Title V fee increase. Oregon DEQ has an obligation to maintain a fully functioning Title V air permitting program. It currently takes over 300 days to process a Title V application, which is not good for business and puts communities at risk.

The Title V program is essential for ensuring the largest emitters comply with all state and federal requirements to protect communities and provide information to the public. The Secretary of State audit reported that the Title V program has had staff deficiencies for years. The proposed increases are the first in over a decade, and put Oregon's fees in the average of other Region 10 programs.

For these reasons and other reasons, I strongly urge you to support HB 5018 and HB 3229.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Dan Jaffee