

Submitter: Sandra Joos

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, thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of HB 5018, specifically DEQ's

air budget requesting 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 potentially 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.

As noted in the Secretary of State audit, 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 others, I strongly urge you to support HB 5018 and HB 3229.

Thank you for your time.

Sandra Joos

4259 SW Patrick Pl

Portland, OR 97239