

Submitter: Anna Kahler

On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB5018

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

I am writing in support of HB 5018 and specifically DEQ's air budget requesting a Title V fee increase. Title V is a critical piece of the Clean Air Act that ensures that myself and my community members are not breathing in toxic air. Air quality regulation is essential to ensuring that Oregonians are breathing clean and safe air.

Under the Clean Air Act, federal government requires the state collect fees from the regulated entities that are sufficient to sustain the program. As the program exists currently in Oregon, the fees collected are barely enough to sustain the program and in the future will not be enough to sustain the program. It is imperative that you vote yes on HB 5018 so that we can continue to fund this essential program and have appropriate consequences for polluters in the state.

I hope you will vote yes and prioritize the health of your constituents and all Oregonians.

Much appreciation,

Anna