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The Honorable Senator Kate Lieber, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Representative Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair  
Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
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Dear Senator Lieber and Representative Sanchez,

Thank you for your work leading the state through this challenging budget environment. In response to your October 1 request, I am sharing General Fund, Lottery Fund and Other Fund Reduction Options totaling 5% of the agency's 2025-2027 Legislatively Approved Budget.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is the environmental protection agency for the state. The agency holds a wide range of responsibilities to protect Oregon's ecosystems and, subsequently, the people, plants and animals that depend on them for survival. At its core DEQ is a regulatory agency whose job it is to protect Oregon's environment, so it is a safe place for people to live, work and visit. The scope and scale of DEQ's oversight is vast, and includes air, land and water quality programs. DEQ has a total funds budget of \$966,406,946 and 885.36 FTE.

General Fund accounts for approximately 13% of DEQ's budget (excluding non-limited).

**While this is a relatively modest share relative to other agencies, General Funds support specific activities that are critical to Oregon communities and for which there is no other eligible funding source.** This includes monitoring air quality for air toxics and smoke, addressing groundwater pollution, reducing the risk of catastrophic seismic events, complying with federal airshed standards, ensuring clean water for drinking, swimming and fish habitat, and updating the Climate Protection Program to ensure key Oregon manufacturers can continue to grow.

In approaching this exercise, DEQ used the following criteria:

- Prioritize cost-saving measures that minimize the impact to agency operations and service-delivery.
- Minimize the impact to filled positions.
- Avoid delays and disruptions to new business permitting.

- Slow, but not pause, the implementation of new work directed by the legislature, including water quality permitting for housing production and updating the Climate Protection Program to promote economic development in the manufacturing sector.

**Because of the specific activities that General and Lottery Funds support at DEQ, our laboratory stands to be especially impacted by potential reductions. This is made worse by proposed reductions to special payments from other agencies to DEQ for work at our laboratory. Please note that in addition to our submittal, there are filled DEQ positions impacted by Reduction Options being proposed by other agencies by way of special payments.**

Per your request, we have also prepared an inventory of enhancements to DEQ's budget since the 2021-2023 biennium. As you review that submittal, you will note that while DEQ has benefited from enhancements, those investments also came with new and complex expectations. **The legislature has directed the agency to initiate a substantial amount of new work over the last six years**, including: a comprehensive overhaul to the state's recycling system, establishing rebate programs for medium- and heavy-duty electric trucks and charging infrastructure, monitoring recreational waters for harmful algal blooms, and establishing new requirements for seismically-vulnerable bulk fuel terminals. **At the same time, some of the longest-standing core work of the agency (e.g. air and water permitting and inspections) has seen less investment while also being impacted by reduced Federal Funds.**

Oregonians are proud of our pristine environment, and the responsible stewardship of natural resources. Likewise, DEQ is proud of our work to deliver on those values for the state. The small, but critical, General Fund appropriation to DEQ has an outsized impact on Oregon's ability to thrive.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Director

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0-2.5% Options																
		34000	2	Delay hire in Water Quality TMDL/Watershed Management Program	114,768						\$ 114,768			Yes	Yes	This position provides basin-coordinator support to a variety of TMDL and non-point source pollution reduction activities for watersheds in Eastern Oregon. Delaying the hire will affect pace of efforts needed to develop TMDL materials/data necessary for development of Deschutes Basin TMDLs, as well as other watershed restoration efforts in the Klamath and other parts of Eastern Region.
		34000	2	Delay hire Water Quality Wastewater Permitting Program	84,000						\$ 84,000			Yes	Yes	This option will slow progress to address the waste water permit backlog, for which he agency is under a court-ordered timeline to reduce by delaying th ehire of a vacant permit writing position.
		34000	2	Delay hire in Water Quality Stormwater Program	78,000						\$ 78,000			Yes	Yes	This position provides permit development and compliance assurance staffing capacity for Stormwater permitting program responsibilities. Delayed hiring will further stress program capacity to issue permits and respond to complaints in a timely manner.
		34000	4	Agency Management Vacancy Savings	695,445						\$ 695,445			Yes	Yes	This package represents vacancy savings generated by DEQ’s current hiring plan for positions that support tribal relations, environmental justice, and equity activities across the department.
		34000	2	Delay hire of Enforcement Specialist	181,236						\$ 181,236			Yes	Yes	OCE currently has a backlog of 279 unissued cases - approximately 35 per Enforcement Staff – with an average of 20 new referrals coming in each month. When cases backlog there is a high risk of repeat violations from respondents who aren't yet accountable to the original violation. It also creates an uneven playing field for businesses between those who are complying with the law and those who aren't.  ELS are “self-financing” in that they generate civil penalties which are deposited to the General Fund. Delayed hiring of the position also delays that benefit to the state.

		34000	1	Delay Climate Protection Program Work with Manufacturers (Part 1)	222,018						\$	222,018			No	Yes	This package delays the hire of 1 of 3 new positions authorized by the legislature in 2025. These positions were authorized to support the development of new CPP rules focused on accommodating growth in Oregon's manufacturing sector. Those rules will still be developed on schedule through the diversion of existing staff to this effort. DEQ does require the new positions to fully implement the new rules.
		34000	2	Delay hire of Water Quality Financial Assistance and Grant Administration Program positions	170,354						\$	170,354			No	Yes	This option reduces capacity to support complex and challenging projects such as permitting process improvements, TMDL development, and interagency coordination efforts by delaying the hire two positions.
		34000	2	Delay hire of new Water Quality Permitting Positions	219,654						\$	219,654			No	Yes	Delays by 6 months initiation of work by new EE3 to develop a statewide post-construction stormwater practices manual. Delays by 9 months hire of new OPA3 position dedicated to intra- and inter- agency coordination to support and promote efficient processing of water quality permits related to housing projects.
2.5-5% Options																	
		34000	3	Vacate position in the Fuel Tank Seismic Stability Program	180,000						\$	180,000			No	Yes	This package jeopardizes the timely implementation of the the Fuel Tank Seismic Stability program by vacating a filled Administrative Specialist position and reducing special contract payment. This program evaluates and improves the earthquake resilience of large-capacity oil and fuel storage facilities in Oregon. A magnitude 8.0–9.0 earthquake is overdue and could strike at any time, causing catastrophic damage to infrastructure, loss of life, and widespread disruption across Oregon communities. The Administrative Specialist 2 manages project timelines, tracks compliance, is a liaison between DEQ and engineering and scientific contractors, DEQ and the community, and DEQ and the facilities. Without this position, technical staff would need to perform this work which would result in delays in facility inspections, seismic vulnerability assessments, risk mitigation implementation plans and technical assistance. The special payments support highly technical engineering reviews conducted by third parties. Delays in implementation of this program could have significant impacts on the ability for Oregon communities to withstand and recover from a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake.
		34000	2	Cease Harmful Algal Bloom monitoring and advisories in recreational waters	595,695						\$	595,695			No	Yes	This package will lead to a statewide pause on harmful algal bloom monitoring and advisories, leaving communities at risk of exposure to dangerous HAB toxins in recreational water bodies. The option would vacate filled positions that support HAB monitoring, sampling analysis, and source evaluation, beginning April 1 2026 through the 25-27 biennium.

		34000	2	Slow review of water rights applications and decreased capacity to support place-based water planning work.	353,750						\$	353,750			No	Yes	This option will significantly slow DEQ's review of water rights applications and capacity to provide water quality technical expertise for place-based water planning efforts (such as groundwater quality evaluations) by vacating two filled positions beginning April 1 2026 through the 25-27 biennium. This represents a 50% cut to the overall staffing level for DEQ participation in integrated water resource coordination efforts.
		34000	2	Slow Water Quality Permitting Issuance	376,042						\$	376,042			No	Yes	This option will significantly diminish DEQ's water quality permitting capacity, resulting in a growing backlog of permit applications and reduced technical assistance to permit holders. It would vacate one position dedicated to wastewater permit development and another focused on complaint response and technical support for stormwater management. The agency is currently under a settlement agreement requiring DEQ to reduce its permitting backlog, and this reduction in staffing would jeopardize DEQ's ability to meet that commitment.
		34000	1	Reduce smoke and air toxics monitoring statewide	762,823						\$	762,823			No	Yes	This option will lead to communities across Oregon without information on air quality conditions by vacating four filled positions beginning April 1 2026 through the 25-27 biennium. This option eliminates deployment of wildfire smoke monitors, monitoring that informs when field burning can occur, and the deployment of additional long-term air toxics sites. In addition to stopping all new smoke monitor deployment, this will also require the department to cease air toxics monitoring at all but three sites across the entire state, limiting air toxics monitoring to Portland, Eugene, and La Grande. As the wildfire season becomes longer and more intense, a failure to equip all parts of the state with adequate monitoring will leave communities without the information they need to communicate and prepare for the public health risk of wildfire smoke and other air toxics, including any air toxics emitted by local sources.
				TOTAL	4,033,785	-	-	-	-	-	\$	4,033,785	0	0.00			

Target (5%)

Difference

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		34000	2	Delays two hires supporting Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment		352,539					\$ 352,539	2			Yes	Delays by 18 months the hire of a vacant Inorganic Chemist position and delays by 6 months the hire of a vacant chemist 1 position. Combined, the decreased analytical capacity at the DEQ Laboratory will affect the timely delivery of analytical data across most DEQ monitoring projects including the Ambient WQ Monitoring Program, and may compromise data quality. Additionally, it would hinder efforts to develop new laboratory procedures for measuring mercury concentrations in fish tissue from Columbia River tributaries, and would significantly impact our ability to perform needed method development work to support upcoming grant funded work (CRB Science and Monitoring grant). This option is scalable to achieve a reduction of less than 5%.
				TOTAL	-	352,539	-	-	-	-	\$ 352,539	2	0.00			

Target (5%)	4,030,256	352,539	17,496,065	
Difference	(4,030,256)	-	(17,496,065)	

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		34000	3	Reduce Environmental Cleanup Activities			10,000,000				\$ 10,000,000				Yes	This option reduces OF expenditure limitation necessary to support the cleanup of contaminated properties across the state funded by settlements or cost-recovery agreements with responsible parties.
		34000	1	Reduce the available of Electric Vehicle rebates			5,000,000				\$ 5,000,000				Yes	This options reduces OF expenditure limitation necessary to issues Electric Vehicle purchase rebates. The rebates are funded by a sales privilege tax collected by the Department of Revenue from auto dealers.
		34000	1	Reduce payments to government and non-government entities from the clean diesel program			2,500,000				\$ 2,500,000					This options reduce OF expenditure limitation necessary to provide grants for the retrofit and replacement of older more polluting diesel engines. The grants are funded by proceeds from a settlement with Volkswagen for emissions cheating violations.
				TOTAL	-	-	17,500,000	-	-	-	\$ 17,500,000	0	0.00			

Target (5%)	4,030,256	352,539	17,496,065	
Difference	(4,030,256)	(352,539)	3,935	

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34000	1	2123	7/1/2021	SB 5516 (2021) - pkg 110	Vehicle Inspection Program		1,334,336				\$ 1,334,336	8	8.00	This package approved a fee increase for the Vehicle Inspection Program and restored 8 positions (8.0 FTE). The package has been fully implemented. This package provided \$600,00 for compliance instrument software development and maintenance as well as one time funding to maintain existing contracts for public involvement and facilitation services for rulemaking. This package has been fully implemented. This package provides an additional \$250,000 biannually to support the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, which is the agency that supports Air Quality efforts in Lane County. This package has been fully implemented.	
34000	1	2123	7/1/2021	SB 5516 (2021) - pkg 111	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Programs	1,379,834					\$ 1,379,834	-	-		
34000	1	2123	7/1/2021	SB 5516 (2021) - pkg 112	Lane Regional Air Protection Agency	250,000					\$ 250,000	-	-		
34000	1	2123	7/1/2021	HB 5516 (2021)- pkg 113	Clean Diesel	365,236					\$ 365,236	1	1.00	This package supports the continuation of the work of HB 2007 that was adopted in 2019 to develop and implement a retrofit compliance program for medium and heavy-duty trucks registered in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. The package provided one position (1.0 FTE) to ensure adequate resources were available for implementation. This package has been fully implemented.	
34000	1	2123	7/1/2021	HB 5516 (2021)- pkg 114	Asbestos Fee Increase		600,000				\$ 600,000	-	-	This package is a revenue only package that authorized a fee increase in the Asbestos program of up to an additional \$600,000 per biennium to support current service levels. The package has been fully implemented.	
34000	1	2123	3/1/2022	HB 5202 (2022)	Zero Emission Infrastrcture Fund	15,000,000					\$15,000,000	1	0.63	This bill provided \$15,000,000 and one position (.63 FTE) to set up and begin implementation of the Medium and Heavy-Duty electronic vehicle infrastructure program. This work has been fully implemented.	
34000	2	2123	7/1/2021	HB 5516 (2021) - pkg 121	Clean Water Plans (TMDLs)	1,062,146							4	This package builds capacity to improve water quality in areas not meeting standards by developing and implementing clean watershed plans known as TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads). Established four positions in support of TMDL implementation, as well as \$300,000 in one-time contract services support for enhancements to status and trend modelling, analysis, and characterization of conditions using data from remote sensing and related technologies. Positions are filled and one-time funding expended. Ongoing work to address court-mandated schedule through 2030 for replacement of Temperature TMDLs , while also trying to address backlog of other high-priority needs for development and implementation of clean watershed plans (TMDLs).	
34000	2	2123	7/1/2021	HB 5516 (2021) - pkg 801 (assoc. with HB5042)	Harmful Algal Bloom Testing (Drinking Water Protection)	675,007								Supports two permanent full-time positions that were established in HB 5042 (2021) for sampling and lab testing of cyanotoxins in waterbodies. These two positions, along with one-time capital expenditure limitation of \$50,000 for the purchase of a nutrient analyzer for the DEQ lab which will assist in determining what might be causing the cyanotoxins, are being fully implemented/utilized for testing/assessment of areas that serve as drinking water source areas around the state.	



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34000	3	2123	7/1/2021	SB582 (2021)	Materials Management Program			1,769,018					7.00	7.00	SB 582 authorized six permanent and one limited duration position for the 2021-2023 biennium, and \$650,000 in services and supplies for research and program development related to: enforcement of producer responsibility programs, processing facility certification and permitting programs, social equity, contamination reduction programs, and pilot testing, funded by solid waste disposal fees, permitting fees, and fees paid by the regulated producers. Fully implemented
34000	3	2123	7/1/2021	SB57 (2021)	Hazardous Waste program and Environmental Cleanup program			225,000					0.00	0.00	SB 57 increased fees to fund existing staff in two DEQ programs: the Hazardous Waste program and the Environmental Cleanup program and updates the fee structure in ORS 466. Fully implemented
34000	3	2123	7/1/2021	SB 5516 (2021) - Pkg 134	Materials Management Program			558,356					2.00	2.00	This package established authority to spend Other Fund revenues to make two limited duration positions permanent. This enabled DEQ to continue needed work to facilitate and oversee cleanup of solid waste orphan sites across Oregon utilizing the Solid Waste Orphan Site Account (SWOSA). Fully implemented
34000	3	2123	6/1/2024	SB1567 (2022)	Tanks Program	712,318		1,700,000					4.00	1.75	SB1567 directs owners or operators of 17 facilities bulk oils or liquid fuels terminals in Columbia, Multnomah, or Lane Counties to conduct and submit seismic vulnerability assessments to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for review and approval. Fully implemented.
34000	4	2325	7/1/2023	HB 5018 (2023) - pkg 140	Environmental Justice	600,000						\$600,000.00	2	1.5	This package approved two new positions to support environmental justice activities and coordination within DEQ. This work is ongoing.
34000	4	2325	7/1/23	HB 5018 (2023) - pkg 142	Grants Management and Support			300,000.0				\$300,000.00	2	1.5	This package aproved two new positions to support a growing body of federal grant management and reporting requirements. This work is ongoing.
34000	1	2325	7/1/2023	HB 5018 (2023) - pkg 110	Title V Permitting Fee Increase			3,418,569				\$ 3,418,569	11	11.00	This package authorized a fee increase for the Title V permitting program as well as restored 11 positions (11.0 FTE) to maintain current service levels. This package has been fully implemented.
34000	1	2325	7/1/2023	HB 5018 (2023)- pkg 111	Cleaner Transportation			843,986				\$ 843,986	3	3.00	This package authorized three new positions (3.0 FTE) to strategically address Greenhouse Gas emissions and tailpipe pollution from the transportation sector. This package has been fully implemented.
34000	1	2325	7/1/2023	HB 5018 (2023) - pkg 114	Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions			300,617				\$ 300,617	1	1.00	This package authorized one positions (1.0 FTE) to assist in the operation of particular climate and greenhouse gas reduction programs including the Climate Protection Program. The package was implemented at the time it was authorized, however, due to changes in the proposed rules during the rulemaking process, the position is not longer necessary or affordable.

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34000	1	2325	7/1/2023	HB 5018 (2023)- pkg 115	Community Climate Investment	500,000		1,049,039				\$ 1,549,039	4	4.00	This package provide four positions (4.0 FTE) to fully implement Oregon’s Climate Protection Program (CPP) administered by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The resources requested in this package and the companion legislative concept (LC 410) will help achieve significant reductions in GHG emissions and support projects to benefit environmental justice communities. The rulemaking work has been fully implemented, however, to date, the CCI investment fund has not recieved any funding and the positions have not been filled.
34000	1	2325	7/1/2023	HB 3409 (2023)	Medium and Heavy Duty Rebates	3,000,000						\$ 3,000,000	1	0.75	This bill provided \$3,000,000 and one position (.75 FTE) to set up and begin implementation of the Medium and Heavy-Duty Rebate program to purchase electric vehicles. This work has been fully implemented.
34000	2	2325	7/1/2023	HB 5018 (2023) - pkg 123	Onsite Septic Program Implementation	441,432		236,627					4	2.63	Provides additional staffing capacity to assure that DEQ can provide regulatory oversight of onsite septic system permitting programs across the state, respond promptly and efficiently to applications and other requests from the public, and properly implement agency rules and statutes to address prevention of water pollution and risks to public health from pathogens associated with inadequate sewage treatment.
34000	2	2325	7/1/2023	HB 5018 (2023) - pkg 126	Groundwater and Drinking Water Protection Program	1,063,738						\$ 1,063,738	3	2.25	These positions are filled and are being fully utilized to provide necessary staffing and resource capacity dedicated to protecting drinking water sources, with specific attention to areas experiencing contamination or threats to drinking water supplies such as the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (LUBGWMA) and
34000	2	2325	7/1/2023	HB 5018 (2023) - pkg 129	Clean Water Financial Assistance Programs Administration	222,802		10,805,524		1,010,000		\$12,038,326	1	1.00	This position is filled and being fully utilized to support DEQ Water Quality Programs activities to develop and effectively administer programs funded by new and expanded federal investments in water and water infrastructure, including the American Rescue Plan Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
34000	2	2325	7/1/2023	HB 2010 (2023)	Water Quality assessment support for place-based planning initiatives and implementation of Integrated Water Resources Strategy	679,085							3		Established two new permanent positions to support place-based planning projects. The funding also supported one limited duration position to support project management, policy evaluation, stakeholder engagement and coordination, and to develop recommendations and draft the required reports relating to water reuse and
34000	2	2325	7/1/2023	HB 3409 (2023)	Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring (Recreational Waterbodies)	376,770						\$ 376,770	2	1.50	This package established one permanent position, one seasonal position and additional funding for materials and supplies to perform harmful algae bloom analysis and strategy development work for waterbodies not already monitored for
34000	3	2325	7/1/2023	HB 5018 (2023) - pkg 130	Emergency Response program			177,745					1.00	1.00	This package adds one position to the Emergency Response program using existing revenue to prepare, respond to, and recover from releases of oil and hazardous materials. Industrial facilities located along navigable waterways, inland waters of the state, and other sensitive environments are prioritized.
34000	3	2325	7/1/2023	HB 5018 (2023) - pkg 132	Materials Management Program			2,497,763					4.00	4.00	This package funds four permanent positions to continue implementing the directives in SB 582(2021). The positions will be funded by fees paid by producers of packaging, paper products and food service-ware. Partially implemented

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34000	3	2325	7/1/2023	HB 5018 (2023) - pkg 133	Materials Management Program			3,842,467					6.00	6.00	This package funds six new positions to implement the statewide goals of the 2050 Vision. These positions are funded by existing fees paid by permit holders. Work includes food waste prevention and recovery, solid waste policy coordination, information coordination, invoicing, reporting, and administrative support. This package will also increase regional staff capacity for Opportunity to Recycle Act compliance, solid waste complaints, solid waste facility permitting and technical assistance to local governments and industry. Partially Implemented.
34000	3	2325	7/1/2023	HB 5018 (2023) - pkg 135	Tanks Program			245,302					1.00	1.00	This package makes permanent a limited duration position in that serves as the program subject matter expert for DEQ's new electronic system, Your DEQ Online. Uses existing resources and fully implemented.
34000	1	2527	7/1/2025	SB 5520 (2025) - pkg 110	Air Contaminant Discharge Permitting Support			1,555,884				\$ 1,555,884	5	5.00	This package authorized a fee increase for the Air Contaminant Discharge Permitting program as well as five (5.0 FTE) new positions to support the operation of the program. This package has not yet been implemented, however ,the agency is currently working on the rulemaking.
34000	1	2527	7/1/2025	SB 5520 (2025) - pkg 112	Accelerate Cleaner Air Oregon Process			1,006,763				\$ 1,006,763	3	3.00	This package authroized three (3.0 FTE) new positions needed to accelerate the pace for review of existing facilities under Cleaner Air Oregon, the state's air toxics permitting program. This package has been partially implemented and the agency is working on the full implementation at this time.
34000	1	2527	7/1/2025	SB 5520 (2025) - pkg 801	Support the Climate Protection Program	1,055,291						\$ 1,055,291	3	2.25	This analyst adjustment provides three (2.25) FTE to conduct rulemaking related to the Climate Protection Program. The three positions are avaiable to be hired on January 1, 2026, although the agency may need to delay the hiring of the positions for general fund reductions.
34000		2527	7/1/2025	SB 5520 (2025) - pkg 170	Restore Adequate Compliance and Enforcement Staffing Levels	357,095						\$ 357,095	1	1.00	This package authorized one Environmental Law Specialist position to intake, review, and manage instances of noncompliance identified by DEQ's Water Quality program, and to develop and maintain enforcement policies that ensure consistent application of the law.
34000	2	2527	7/1/2025	SB 5520 (2025) - pkg 121	Financial Assistance and Grant Programs Administrations			241,940		274,439			2	2.00	These positions improve DEQ Water Quality Division's capacity to provide financial assistance (loans and grants) for water projects that improve Oregon communities' access to wastewater infrastructure while protecting water quality and public health. The package will establish new staffing resources to enhance and expedite customer support, technical assistance, coordination, and process improvements for disbursing federal and state funds. Positions are filled and are being fully implemented/utilized to support purposes/needs identified in the POP.
34000	2	2527	7/1/2025	SB 5520 (2025) - pkg 811; Appropriated under HB 5006 (2025)	Water Quality Program Coordination Support for Housing Projects	999,684							3	2.64	This package established three new positions and the associated General Fund appropriation to improve DEQ Water Quality Program's service delivery and technical assistance related to high priority housing production projects that require water quality permitting and/or certification. This package implements Pillar 4 (Less Complexity and Cost for Housing Development) of Governor Kotek's Housing Production Framework. All three positions are authorized for filling after October 1st, 2025. One position will be filled imminently. Two of the three positions are on hold pending potential budget reduction requirements.

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Detail of Programs in the 2025-27 Legislatively Approved Budget that have been established or expanded since 2021-23															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Agency	SCR	Program Establishment / Expansion		Authorization	Program Description	GF	LF	OF	NL-OF	FF	NL-FF	TOTAL FUNDS	Pos.	FTE	Implementation Status
		Biennium	Effective Date												
34000	2	2527	7/1/2025	SB 5520 (2025) - pkg 812 HB 2169 (2025)	Water Reuse Coordination, Policy Development and Implemenation	295,126							1	1.00	Establishes one permanent, NRS4 position for DEQ to lead the interagency water reuse team and implement policy and programmatic directives identified in HB 2169 (2025). The position has been filled and is being fully utilized to address the directives identified by the enacted bill.
34000	3	2527	7/1/2025	SB 5520 (2025) - pkg 130	Tanks Program			625,846					2.00	2.00	This package authorized DEQ to make two limited duration project manager positions within the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) program permanent. These positions are funded partially by the cost recovery mechanism requiring responsible parties to pay for cleanup and oversight actions undertaken by DEQ, and partially by federal grant funds received by DEQ to ensure the cleanup and oversight of Leaking Underground Storage Tanks sites. This package seeks limitation and position authority only, no new revenue is required. Fully implemented.
34000	3	2527	7/1/2025	SB 5520 (2025) - pkg 131	Environmental Cleanup program			714,317					3.00	2.63	This package authorized two new permanent Natural Resource Specialist positions for project management of the Columbia Slough and Armstrong sites, and one new permanent Procurement and Contract Services position for contracting environmental services for these and other cleanup sites in the state. The positions are funded through the settlements and cost recoverable work. This package seeks limitation and position authority, no new revenue is required. Partially implemented.
34000	3	2527	7/1/2025	SB 5520 (2025) - pkg 132	Tanks Program			316,238					1.00	1.00	This package makes permanent the Limited Duration Program Analyst 4 (PA4) authorized in SB1567 to address ongoing policy development and coordination workload. Each oil storage facility has unique geographic and infrastructure situations and it is expected that application of the rules will require ongoing and unique policy determinations throughout the 10 year or longer program implementation timeline. The permanent position is also needed to serve as a team leader as the Department is using existing management authority to provide managerial oversight. Fully implemented.
34000	3	2527	7/1/2025	SB 5520 (2025) - pkg 133	Materials Management Program								4.00	3.55	This package will provide staff resources and limitation to increase staff capacity in several different areas. Work areas include reducing impacts of the built environment; improving a statewide community grants program; implementation and planning for current and future product stewardship programs; and regulatory coordination and planning for new or proposed mining and energy facilities. Partially implemented.
				TOTAL		27,655,730	-	34,059,390	-	1,284,439	-	\$43,681,314	96	80.58	

Instructions

- Column (5) - Authorization should identify the source of the new program or program expansion, which could include enabling legislation, approved policy option package, or administrative establishment.
- Column (6) - Program description should include a summary of the program and the expansion (if applicable), including any partner state agencies.
- Column (16) - Current status of program implementation should be summarized, including any future budget requests anticipated upon full program implementation.