

State of Oregon  
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

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**Date:** Jan. 10, 2023  
**To:** Environmental Quality Commission  
**From:** Leah Feldon, Interim Director  
**Subject:** Item B: Budget and legislative updates (Informational)  
Jan. 19, 2023, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** DEQ will present updates, as they are available, on budget and legislation of interest to the agency and commission for the 2023 Legislative Session.

**Budget and legislative agenda development process** Governor Tina Kotek was inaugurated on January 9 and the Oregon Legislature will convene on Jan. 17, 2023, for a long legislative session. DEQ will present updates on the legislative session, including information about new legislators, committee assignments and updates on potential bills of interest. DEQ will also share budget updates if they are available. Governor Kotek is expected to release her 2023-25 Governor Recommended Budget sometime between January 9 and February 1, 2023.

**EQC involvement** Throughout the legislative session, DEQ will provide regular budget and legislative updates to the commission through informational items or entries in the regular Director's report.

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