

State of Oregon

## Department of Environmental Quality Memorandum

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**Date:** March 7, 2023

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Leah Feldon, Director

**Subject:** Item B: Legislative Session and Budget Updates (Informational)  
March 17, EQC meeting

<b>Purpose of item</b>	DEQ will present updates on the 2023 legislative session and Governor's Recommend Budget
<b>2023 Legislative Session</b>	<p>The legislature convened its 2023 regular session Jan. 17, 2023. Since that time there have been thousands of measures introduced for consideration. DEQ staff will also provide updates on measures introduced on behalf of the agency and brief the commission on other bills that stand to impact agency operations or programs. This includes:</p> <p><b><u>HB 3229</u></b> Authorizes an 80% increase to the Title V Federal Operating Permit Program fees. Authorizes the commission to adopt a fee schedule in rules, allowing for robust stakeholder engagement in designing a more sustainable fee structure moving forward.</p> <p><b><u>HB 3273</u></b> Sunsets the statutory dry cleaner program, exempting operators from clean liability associated contamination from dry cleaning solvents. Establishes a deadline by which certain solvent can no longer be used in Oregon.</p> <p><b><u>HB 3220</u></b> Modifies provisions of Oregon's electronic recycling programs to align with other producer responsibility programming overseen by the department.</p> <p><b><u>HB 3207</u></b> Amends reporting requirements for Oregon domestic well testing program, requiring laboratories who perform the analysis to report results to the department.</p> <p><b><u>HB 3208</u></b> Provides authority to the commission to adjust certain water quality permit fees by 3% annually.</p>

	<p><b><u>HB 3195</u></b> Expands eligibility to include a broader range of potential entities that may apply for and be a recipient of Clean Water State Revolving Fund loans.</p> <p><b><u>HB 3196</u></b> Provides authority to the commission to establish a fee, paid by Community Climate Investment Entities, to fund positions at the agency focused on providing performance and financial oversight of Community Climate Investments.</p>
<b>2023-25 Governor's Recommend Budget</b>	<p>Governor Kotek released her Budget on Jan. 31, 2023. Her budget focuses on building more housing, reducing homelessness, increasing access to mental health and addiction services, and improving education outcomes.</p> <p>The Governor's Recommended Budget for DEQ largely avoids cuts to filled positions and proposes key investments in environmental justice efforts, central support functions and programming in the air, land, and water quality division. The attached fact sheet details Policy Option Packages included in the Governor's Recommended Budget.</p> <p>Staff will summarize the Governor's Budget along with other factors expected to inform the development and approval of the agency's legislatively adopted budget.</p>
<b>EQC involvement</b>	<p>DEQ welcomes questions and input from the commissioners on the agency's budget and legislative requests.</p>