

# Legislative and Budget Updates

2021 Session Review

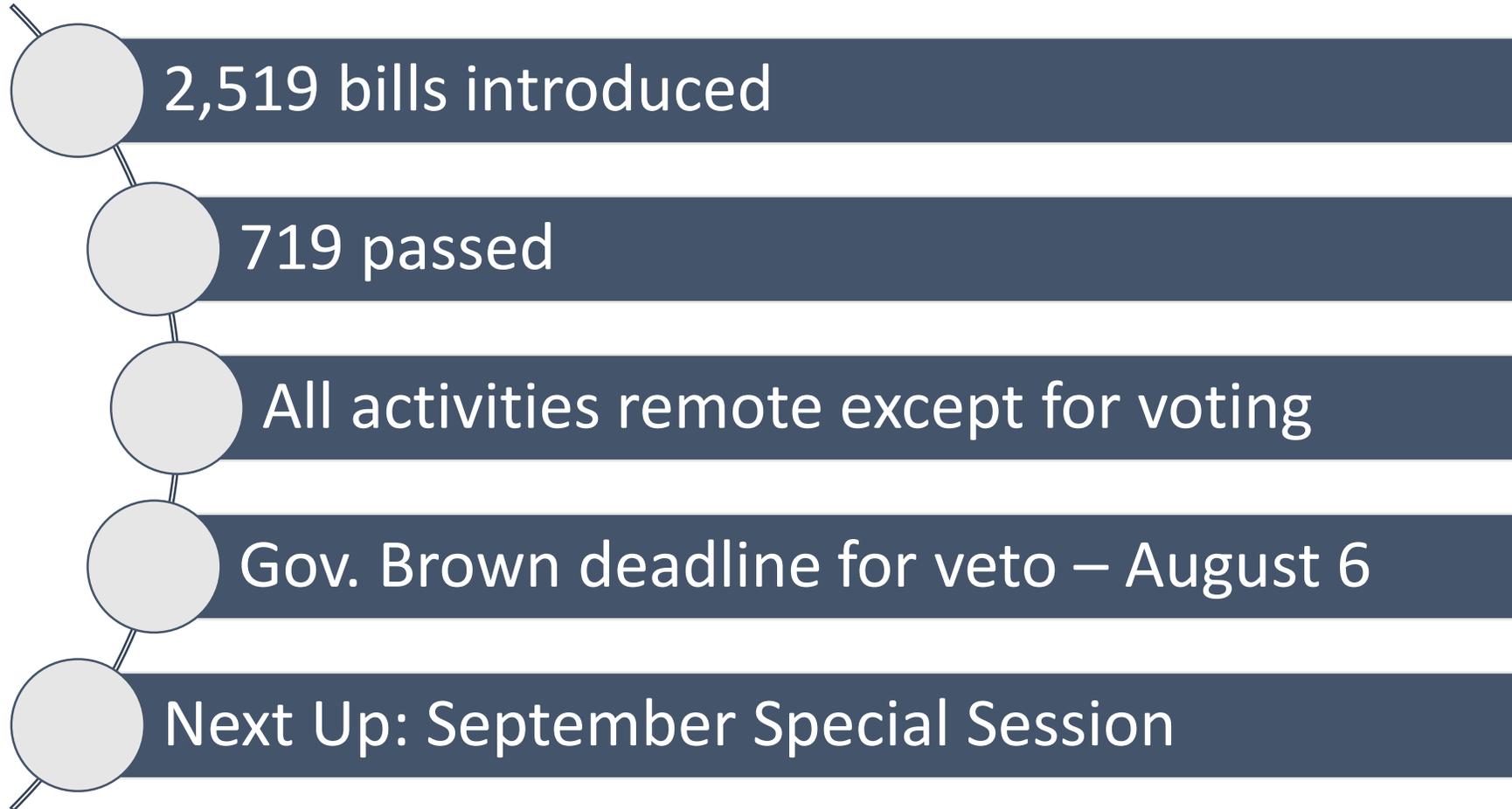
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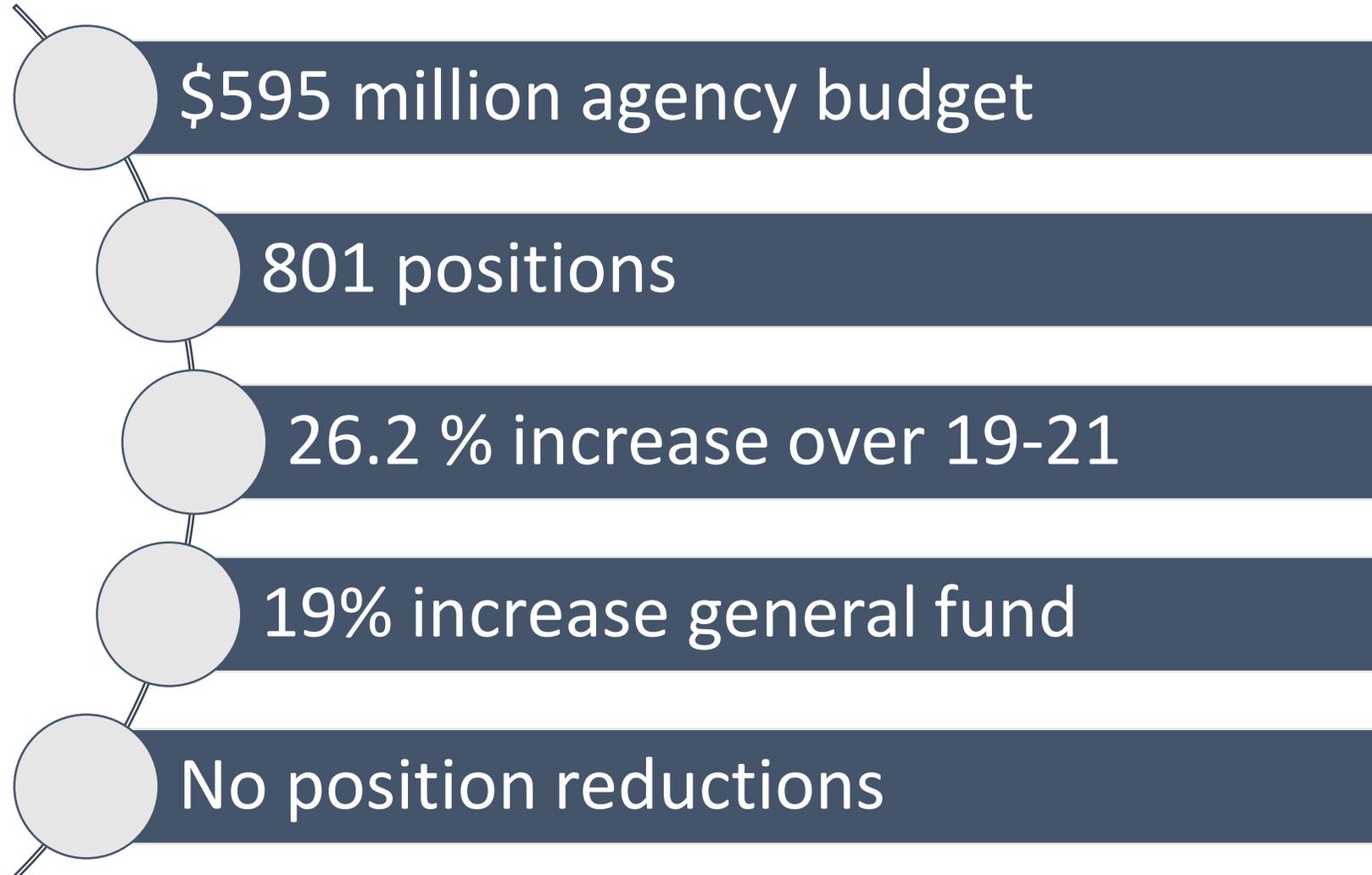
July 22, 2021

Oregon Environmental Quality Commission meeting

# Session Overview



# 21-23 Agency Budget Overview



# Budget Highlights

- Passed VIP fee increase (restore 8 positions)
- Added \$1.3 million for GHG work
- Added 7 new positions/grant program on wildfire
- Added \$2 million for onsite loan program
- Added 2 new lab positions for harmful algal bloom analysis
- Added 4 new positions for Clean Watershed Plans
- Restore 5 positions previously cut from Lottery Funds
- Added 2 permit positions and \$15 million for onsite septic repair in wildfire recovery areas
- Added 11 new positions to support Central Services Division

# Air Quality Updates

## Budget

- All POPs approved
  - Vehicle Inspection Program
  - LRAPA support
  - GHG work (*modified*)
  - Clean Diesel
  - Asbestos
- Additional resources
  - Wildfire smoke

## Policy

- Wildfire smoke readiness
- Electric Vehicles
- 100% clean electricity
- Low-income energy rates
- Diesel emissions

# Water Quality Updates

## **Support/Enhancements for Existing DEQ Activities:**

- 4 of 8 POPs approved
  - Clean Watershed Plans (TMDLs)
  - CWSRF Loan Management Software
  - Lottery Funding Restoration
  - CWSRF Non-limited; Debt Service
- 401-Hydroelectric Program Funding (HB 2143)
- HAB Testing/Monitoring Capacity
- Onsite Septic Loan Program

## **New Responsibilities:**

- Onsite Septic Financial Assistance Funding
- Water Data Framework (Scoping Project)

# Water Quality Updates

Over \$538M in other water-related investments:

- Other notable WQ-specific investments:
  - > \$1.5M in AgWQ investments
  - \$500k support for Groundwater Quality Coordination and Research
- Infrastructure (\$400M)
- Water Vision, Planning and Equity (\$5M)
- Regional and Basin Specific Projects (\$46M)
- Water Quantity/Supply (\$40M)
- Water Resiliency (\$6M)
- Data Collection/Technology/Modernization (\$11M)
- Additional \$9M in Legislator directed funding to district specific WQ-related projects

# Land Quality Updates

## Budget

- Industrial Orphan Bonds
- Solid Waste Orphan program positions
- HW Fees/SB 57
- Recycling positions
- No new funding for Emergency Response.

## Policy

- Extended Producer Responsibility bills
- Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization (SB 582)

# Agency Management and Agency Wide Updates

- Passed SB 58 – Authorizes surcharge to support Your DEQ Online
- Passed HB 3372 – Permitting and enforcement
- Passed SCR 17 – Environmental Justice Resolution
- Added 11 new positions to support agency Central Services Division
- Agency authorized to proceed with bond sales to support CWSRF and Industrial Orphan Sites

# Unfinished Legislative Business

- Environmental justice (staff and mapping tool)
- Emergency response
- Lab infrastructure
- Harmful algal bloom - analysis and management strategies
- Continued investment in WQ permitting
- Diesel investments

# What's Ahead

- Special Session – September 2021
- Start of agency request budget process – FY23-25
- Continued focus on racial justice
- New Governor elected 2022