

State of Oregon  
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

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**Date:** Feb. 26, 2013

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Dick Pedersen, Director

**Subject:** Agenda item C, Informational item: Budget and legislative updates  
March 20-21, 2013, EQC meeting

**Purpose of item** This item will update the commission about this year's legislative session, the state's and DEQ's budget development process, the Ways and Means Committee's proposed budget and the status of bills that may relate to DEQ.

**Background** The 2013 Oregon Legislative session started Feb. 1, 2013, and is expected to adjourn in late June. DEQ submitted its agency request budget in September and Governor Kitzhaber presented his balanced budget in early December 2012. Individual or agency-proposed bills must be filed by late February, and senate and house committees have until early April to file other bills. DEQ's legislative team tracks proposed and draft bills throughout the session, and informs the commission of emerging or high-priority items as needed.

**Attachments** None

Approved:

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

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