


State of Oregon  
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

**Date:** Nov. 16, 2012  
**To:** Environmental Quality Commission  
**From:** Dick Pedersen, Director   
**Subject:** Agenda item O, Informational item: Budget and Legislative updates  
Dec. 6-7, 2012, EQC meeting

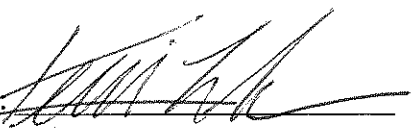
**Purpose of item** This item will inform the commission about the updates to the state and agency budget development process, the status of DEQ's legislative concepts, recent changes to the Oregon Legislature due to 2012 elections and provide other general Legislative updates.

**Background** The Governor's Recommended Budget will be released Dec. 1, 2012. DEQ, and all state agencies, will use this information to prepare some preliminary operating budget information, with the caveat that the budget is not final until adopted by the Oregon Legislature. That adoption, following any amendments, is expected until June 2013. At the commission meeting, staff will present an analysis and discussion of the Governor's Recommended Budget for DEQ.

DEQ staff will also present an update on policy option packages or legislative concepts that involve DEQ, including any priorities of the Governor's Office, changes to the general membership of the Legislature and the committee structure, if known, following the 2012 elections and a summary of legislative items of interest for the 2013 Oregon Legislative Session.

**Attachments** None

Approved:

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