

State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: May 1, 2019

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Richard Whitman, Director

Subject: Agenda item H, Informational item: Legislative updates
May 16-17, 2019, EQC meeting

Purpose of item DEQ will present updates on legislative and budget activities since the Jan. 24-25, 2019 EQC meeting.

2019 Session highlights The 2019 Oregon Legislative Session began Jan. 21, 2019. DEQ presented its 2019-21 Governor's Recommended Budget, including the agency's active policy option packages, to the Ways and Means Natural Resource subcommittee the week of February 18. DEQ, among many other agencies, may be asked to present follow-up budget and legislative information this spring as the Legislature considers policy and budget decisions for 2019-2021.

DEQ will provide a summary of the agency's presentations and other legislative and budget matters to-date at the May meeting, including any known or anticipated approved legislation that affects agency operations. Based on Oregon's constitutional limitations, the 2019 Session will end on or by June 30, 2019.

EQC involvement There is no request for commission action at this time. DEQ will provide updates on legislative and budget matters at each commission meeting, or as otherwise requested. The commission chair must certify the final Legislatively Approved Budget at the end of the 2019 Legislative Session.

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