## DEQ Follow Up Responses to Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee 5/18/15 Public Hearing

## House Bill 3068 Public Hearing

- Senator Olsen asked how many fireplaces are there in Oregon. Do you know the percentage of woodstoves to fireplaces, particularly in areas that are not meeting the standard?
  - Based on our survey results of wood burning device use throughout the state, most people who use their fireplaces burn for aesthetic purposes and on occasion for backup heat.
    Uncertified woodstoves however, are typically used daily during the winter months to supply heat for the home.

	Statewide	Klamath Falls	Lakeview	Portland
Uncertified stove	151,000	2,800	220	50,500
Fireplace	212,500	3,000	120	56,600

- More recently, communities such as Klamath Falls and Lakeview are trying to address emissions from open hearth fireplaces. They are looking into providing a certified woodstove insert into an existing fireplace as part of the recent \$1.5M change out program.
- While HB 3068 specifically directs DEQ to study and develop recommendations to reduce woodstove smoke, any potential strategies would likely look into fireplace emissions and wood smoke emissions in general because of the challenges it can pose to any community.

## **Additional Questions**

- Senator Olsen asked what does the monitor in Canby measure.
  - The Canby monitor measures ozone levels.