

HB 2268 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Energy and Environment

Action Date: 03/06/17
Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 7-1-1-0
Yeas: 7 - Barnhart, Bentz, Helm, Holvey, Johnson, Power, Smith DB
Nays: 1 - Reschke
Exc: 1 - Boone
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the following fee schedule for each underground storage tank subject to permit requirements: \$195 for the calendar year 2018; \$245 for the calendar year 2019; \$295 for the calendar year 2020; \$325 for the calendar year 2021; and \$325 for each subsequent calendar year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Frequency of underground storage tank inspections
- Department of Environmental Quality would be unable to comply with federal regulation without fee increase
- Stakeholder preference for per tank fee rather than capacity model

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Federal and state laws regulate underground storage tanks used to store petroleum and other hazardous substances. Compliance with these regulations is intended to prevent leaks that can contaminate air, groundwater and soil. Oregon's Underground Storage Tank Program (UST) handles issues related to tank registration and operating certificates; installation, operation and removal of USTs; cleanup of soil and groundwater contamination from petroleum leaks; training of system operators; financial liability protection for future leaks, licensing of contractors working on USTs and enforcement of state UST rules. The UST per tank fee was last increased in 2007 from \$85 to \$135.

House Bill 2268A would increase UST fees from \$135 to \$325 over four years.