

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**HB 5017**

**Department of Environmental Quality**

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HB 5017 is the budget bill for the Department of Environmental Quality. The recommended budget for the agency is \$453.6 million total funds, which is a 10.8% increase from the legislatively approved budget for the 2017-19 biennium. The budget includes \$52 million General Fund, \$5.3 million Measure 76 Lottery Funds, \$218 million Other Funds, \$148 million of Nonlimited Other Funds and \$29.5 million Federal Funds.

The General Fund is 7.6% higher than the 2017-19 levels. General Fund was added for the wood smoke reduction program and a comprehensive investment to develop water quality standards, implement clean water plans, monitor harmful algae bloom, and to address the water quality permit backlog.

The budget assumes fee increases in the Air Quality program to address the permit backlog and to permanently establish the air toxics program. The budget also includes fee increases for hazardous waste, underground heating oil tanks, oil spill prevention and high hazard rail.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 5017 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.