

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**SB 5702**

**Department of Environmental Quality – Fee Bill**

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SB 5702 is the fee ratification bill for the Department of Environmental Quality’s Vehicle Inspection Program fees.

The program’s biennial fees are increased from \$21 to \$25 in the Portland area, and from \$10 to \$15 in Medford. Both increases are effective May 1, 2020. Another increase to Medford is proposed to take effect July 1, 2021, increasing the fee from \$15 to \$20.

The fee increase proposal was presented, along with a cost-effectiveness study required by statute, to the Environmental Quality Commission and approved in November 2019. The fees are anticipated to raise approximately \$2.9 million a biennium and are intended to fund the current operations of the program.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5702 be reported out do pass.