

# HB 2143: Hydroelectric Annual Fees



## House Committee on Energy and Environment

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# Background – Program Purposes

## **ORS 543.015 & ORS 543A.020**

- Promote the public benefits of hydropower while minimizing the public costs
- Protect Oregon's natural resources
- Protect the health and safety of Oregonians
- Participate in any local, state, or federal proceedings related to hydroelectric power development
- Provide recommendations on and ensure compliance with state and federal laws

# The Need for Change: Complicated and Unequal Fee Structure

<b>Applicable ORS</b>	<b>543.078(2)(a)</b>	<b>543A.415(1)</b>	<b>543.710</b>	<b>543.078 (2)(b)</b>	<b>543.300(5)</b>	<b>543A.415(1)</b>
<b>Relicensed</b>	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
<b>2021 Fee Notes</b>	\$0.608/THP in 2021	\$0.28/THP	\$0.30/THP < 50 & \$0.28/THP > 50	\$50	\$1 up to 25 THP, then \$0.20/THP	\$15
<b>Fees last increased</b>	2021	1999				
<b>Inflation</b>	Yes	No				
<b># of Projects</b>	54	9	12	53	10	9
<b>THP Range</b>	164-591,818	100-500,852	801-36,363	1-110	17-99	0-12

# The Need: Maintain Services

- Agencies anticipate budgetary shortfalls
- Proposing to increase fees to maintain existing staff and services

# Simplify & Increase Fees

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<b>New Fee</b>	\$0.687/THP in 2020			\$50		\$15
<b>Inflation</b>	Yes			No		

**Revenue Increase: \$1.25 million for 21-23 biennium**

## Water rights and program administration

- Water right compliance
- Represents State joint position during Federal Energy Regulatory Commission processes
- Administers Hydroelectric Fund
- 2.1 FTE





## Agency Services: Department of Fish and Wildlife

### Fish and Wildlife protection and mitigation

- Protects, mitigates, and enhances fish and wildlife and habitat
- Ensures compliance with all state and federal fish and wildlife laws
- Conducts fish and wildlife facilities engineering reviews and site visits
- 7.00 FTE



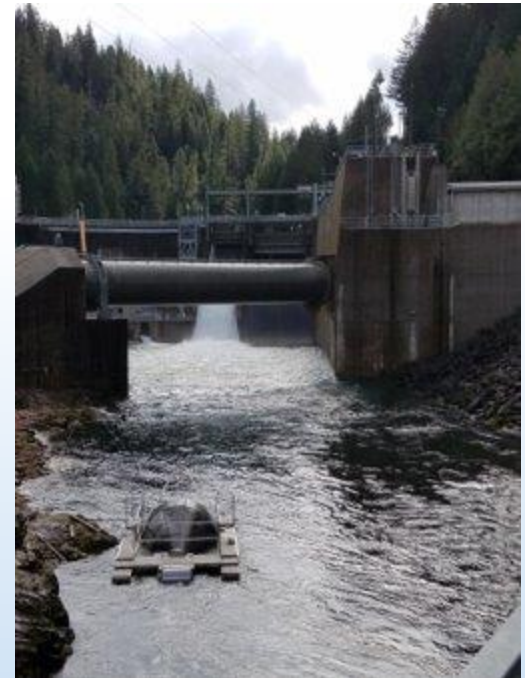


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# Agency Services: Department of Environmental Quality

## Preserving and protecting water quality

- Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Implementation
- Evaluate Environmental Protection Agency Total Maximum Daily Load requirements
- 2.05 FTE





# Conclusion

State agency services are necessary to obtain the benefits of hydroelectric power while minimizing impacts by preserving natural resources and public health and safety.



# Questions?



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