

HB 2836 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines terms. Directs Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to develop and administer a Fuel Spills Mitigation grant program to prevent spills at fuel facilities. Establishes grant program application guidelines. Requires Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to establish by rule criteria for ranking grant applications under the grant program and to adopt rules to implement the grant program. Establishes grant program application ranking criteria. Establishes Fuel Spills Mitigation Fund, and requires moneys in the fund be continuously appropriated to DEQ.

- *FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued yet*
- *REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement issued yet*

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ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Assembly enacted the Oil Spill Prevention Act in 1991, which directed the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to develop guidelines to provide for prevention, preparedness, and response to oil spills from large facilities, vessels, and petroleum transportation industries. ORS 468B.405 establishes fees to be submitted to DEQ for covered vessels and facilities located offshore and onshore for oil spill–contingency planning and response preparedness. DEQ reviews and approves individual industry contingency plans on a five-year cycle that are updated throughout that five-year period to reflect substantive changes in the plan due to industry operations changes. The Office of the State Fire Marshal plans for coordinated responses to a spill or release of oil or other hazardous material that could occur during rail transport.

House Bill 2836 would direct the Department of Environmental Quality to develop and administer a Fuel Spills Mitigation grant program to prevent spills at fuel facilities. The Bill also would establish a Fuel Spills Mitigation Fund.