

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 3208 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Authorizes Environmental Quality Commission to annually adjust, by up to three percent, fees associated with water quality programs administered by Department of Environmental Quality.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Environmental Quality

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

**Analysis:**

HB 3208 - A adds certain fees to the list of fees which the Environmental Quality Commission may increase not more than once each year. The amount of the increase may not exceed the increase in cost to administer the program for which the fee is applicable, or three percent, whichever is lower, unless the larger increase is provided for in the Department of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) legislatively approved budget.

Any fee increases adopted by DEQ under this measure would be subject to the fee approval process outlined in ORS 291.050 and ORS 291.055, which requires ratification of fee increases by the Legislative Assembly; the agency intends to include any fee increases as part of their biennial agency request budget, which is subject to legislative approval.

The measure also repeals ORS 468B.196, which relates to collection of fees for subsurface injection of fluids. This is anticipated to have no fiscal impact as this statute only established these fees until the Environmental Quality Commission could adopt the fees by rule.