

# House Bill 3655

Sponsored by Representative DIEHL

## SUMMARY

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Digest: This Act tells the DEQ to make a program to test and certify wastewater lagoon operators. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.1).

Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to develop a program for examination and certification of operators of lagoon wastewater treatment systems.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to lagoon wastewater treatment systems.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 448.405 to**  
5 **448.465.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality, in consultation with public**  
7 **and private stakeholders, shall develop a program for examination and certification of oper-**  
8 **ators of lagoon wastewater treatment systems under ORS 448.410. The examination must be**  
9 **limited to topics relevant to the operation of a lagoon wastewater treatment system. The**  
10 **department may contract with a third party to develop the examination.**

11 **(2) A person who has one year of experience in the performance of the duties of a sewage**  
12 **treatment works operator, or that meets other education and experience requirements es-**  
13 **tablished by the department, shall be eligible for certification under ORS 448.410 as a lagoon**  
14 **wastewater treatment system operator after receiving a passing score on the examination**  
15 **developed under this section.**

16 **(3) The department shall make a person's results on the examination, including questions**  
17 **answered correctly and incorrectly, available to the person upon request.**

18 **(4) The department shall regularly review the examination and examination results to**  
19 **ensure that examination topics remain current and relevant to the operation of a lagoon**  
20 **wastewater treatment system. The department shall consult with relevant stakeholders be-**  
21 **fore updating examination questions.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.