

House Bill 3814

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: This Act stops the EQC and DEQ from making seafood processors meet standards for bacteria in waste water from fecal sources. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).

Prohibits the Environmental Quality Commission and Department of Environmental Quality from requiring seafood processors to meet water quality or purity standards for bacteria in effluent discharges associated with fecal sources.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to seafood processors; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 468B.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, and except as required by federal law, the Environmental Quality Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality may not require, in any permit for the discharge of wastes into the waters of the state, that a seafood processor meet the criteria of any water quality or purity standard for bacteria in effluent discharges associated with fecal sources.

SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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.