

Senate Bill 1194

Sponsored by Senator ROBINSON; Senator LINTHICUM

SUMMARY

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Digest: This Act stops the EQC and the DEQ from making waste water treatment plants meet certain criteria. (Flesch Readability Score: 70.1).

Prohibits the Environmental Quality Commission and Department of Environmental Quality from requiring municipally owned treatment works from meeting certain criteria for pollutants and temperature for discharges into surface water.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to water quality permits for wastewater treatment facilities.

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 surface water from a municipally owned treatment works:

(1) That the difference between the temperature of the discharge and the temperature of the surface water where the discharge occurs be greater than five degrees Fahrenheit.

(2) That the level of any pollutant other than heat be lower than the average annual level of that pollutant for the surface water where the discharge occurs.

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.