

# 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

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2 Relating to water quality permits for wastewater treatment facilities.

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 chapter 468B.**

5 **SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, and except as required**  
6 **by federal law, the Environmental Quality Commission and the Department of Environmental**  
7 **Quality may not require, in any permit for the discharge of wastes into surface water from**  
8 **a municipally owned treatment works:**

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

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

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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.