

2022 Legislative Session Update

Report to Environmental Quality Commission

Item F

Feb. 4, 2022



Session Overview



35-day session starts February 1

Session will be mostly remote

Limited number of bills

New Legislators

New House Leadership

- Speaker Dan Rayfield
- Majority Leader Julie Fahey
- Minority Leader Vikki Breese Iverson

DEQ Budget Requests



STAFFING AND EQUIPMENT
FOR THE DEQ LAB



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE



SUPPORT FOR STATE DATA
CENTER CHARGES

Legislative Issues to Watch



HB 4077 – Environmental Justice



SB 1567 – Seismic assessment for fuel storage



SB 1558 – Transportation omnibus bill - modifies EV rebate rules



SB 1576 – Mattress recycling program



SB 1501 – Private forest accords

HB 4077 – Environmental Justice For All

Expand capacity of EJ Task Force

- Renames the EJTF to the Environmental Justice Council.
- Enhances membership of the Council by adding a youth member to represent future generations.
- Provides agency level staff positions to provide administrative support to the Council and to assist in the work of creating the mapping tool

Create Centralized Mapping Tool

- Creates mapping tool to measure environmental science and health data with socioeconomic information.
- Led by Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with the Institute of Natural Resources and the DAS Geospatial Enterprise Office (GEO).
- Requires the Council to assist in developing a community engagement and outreach plan to inform the development of mapping tool.
- Provide staff resources to key agencies to support development of this tool.

SB 1501 – Forest Accord Update

- Amends Forest Practices Act
- Directs SBF to adopt a rule package by Nov. 30, 2022 to implement Private Forest Accord.
- Directs board to prepare habitat conservation plan consistent with Private Forest Accord.
- Provides exemption from Oregon Forest Practices Act requirements related to landowners with existing habitat conservation plans.
- Establishes alternative practice options related to forest practices by small forestland owners.
- Establishes Private Forest Accord Mitigation Advisory Committee. Directs Fish and Wildlife Commission to establish Private Forest Accord Grant Program.
- Directs Board to establish adaptive management program. Establishes Adaptive Management Program Committee and Independent Research and Science Team as advisory committees to the Board of Forestry.
- Includes sunset provisions if incidental take permit based on approved habitat conservation plan is not issued prior to Dec. 31, 2027.