

Legislative Session Update 2022

Report to the Environmental Quality Commission

Session Overview



Highly productive session

Passed over 100 Bills

Passed over \$1.4 billion in new spending

Major legislator exodus

DEQ Budget Outcomes

- HB 5202 – Omnibus Budget Bill
 - ✓ \$15 million for Clean Vehicle Rebate Program
 - ✓ \$15 million for Medium/Heavy Duty Charging Infrastructure Grants
 - ✓ Funding for lab manager and to replace aging lab equipment
 - ✓ Funding to address state data center expenses

Priority Bills - *Passed*

- **HB 4077** – Environmental Justice.
 - Establishes new EJ Council
 - Creates new mapping tool
 - Allocates resources to DEQ, OHA, DAS and INR.
- **SB 1576** – Mattress Recycling
 - Establishes new product stewardship program for mattresses.
 - DEQ to provide oversight

Priority Bills – *Passed*

- **SB 1501** – Private Forest Accord
 - Amends Forest Practices Act
 - Adds 2 new positions at DEQ.
 - Focus on providing technical assistance related to water quality and aquatic ecosystems on forested land.
- **SB 1567** – Critical Energy Hub
 - Conduct seismic vulnerability assessment on bulk oil terminals
 - Impacts liquid fuel terminals in Multnomah, Lane and Columbia Counties
 - Allocates 4 new positions to DEQ for oversight and implementation.

Other Legislative Actions

- **SB 1558** – Funds for EV Rebates: adjusts the allocation of privilege taxes on new automobile sales from \$12 million per year to the greater of \$12 million or 45% of revenues (ODOT estimate for the 2023 fiscal year is \$13.5 million)
- **HB 4139** – Establishes new Medium and Heavy-Duty Clean Vehicle Charging Fund at DEQ; also establishes new “buy clean” standards for ODOT projects;
- **HB 4068** – makes changes to Oregon Department of Emergency Management and adds one new position to DEQ for emergency response exercises and continuity of operations planning and preparedness.