

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 4 - 3 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Cannon, Read, Dingfelder

Nays: Burley, Garrard, Smith G.

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/11, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs certain state agencies to identify existing programs and activities that could contribute to meeting the greenhouse gas emission reduction goals established by the 2007 Legislature. Requires agencies to prepare a report that sets forth recommendations for changes to programs and activities to assist the state in meeting the emission reduction goals. Requires agencies to submit report to Global Warming Commission and Legislative Assembly on or before October 1 of each even-numbered year.

Authorizes the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to, by rule, require registration and reporting of electricity that emits greenhouse gases when generated or fossil fuels that generate greenhouse gas when combusted. Specifies how certain entities may meet reporting requirements. Directs EQC to minimize the reporting burden.

Increases membership of the Global Warming Commission from 25 to 30 members. Requires one voting member representing public power and one voting member representing labor. Increases non-voting, ex-officio membership by three members.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Existing agency authority to require reporting of greenhouse gas emissions
- How reporting will be done by various entities
- Purpose of reported information
- Timeliness of reporting legislation
- On-going regional climate change initiatives

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original bill.

BACKGROUND: The 2007 Legislative Assembly adopted greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. ORS 468A.205 declares that the policy of the state is to arrest the growth and begin reducing Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions by 2010, and then reduce those emissions to 10 percent below 1990 levels by 2020 and to 75 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. The 2007 Legislature also created the Oregon Global Warming Commission. The Commission is directed to coordinate state and local efforts to achieve the emission reduction goals and to prepare Oregon for the effects of global warming. Currently, seven state agency directors serve as ex-officio members of the Commission.

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