

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 3 - 0

Yeas: Bailey, Barnhart, Boone, Smith J., Cannon

Nays: Bentz, Gilliam, Jenson

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/3, 2/10, 4/16, 4/23, 4/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to adopt following standards and requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions: a low carbon fuel standard (LCFS) for gasoline, diesel and fuels used as a substitute for gasoline or diesel. Requires schedule to phase in implementation of the LCFS standard that reduces average amount of greenhouse gas emissions per unit of fuel energy of the fuels by 10 percent below 2010 levels by the year 2020; standards for greenhouse gas content of, and requirements to prevent venting during the use and disposal of, commercial products that contain greenhouse gases; requirements to maintain or retrofit trucks to reduce aerodynamic draft or otherwise reduce greenhouse gas emissions from medium and heavy duty trucks; requirements to prevent tampering, altering or modification of original design or performance of motor vehicle pollution control systems, provided EQC coordinates Oregon anti-tampering requirements and exemptions with those of California; standards governing energy efficiency of replacement tires for passenger cars and light-duty trucks; requirements for motor vehicle service providers to check and inflate tire pressure that does not apply if primary purpose of service is fueling; restrictions on engine use by parked commercial vehicles and commercial ships while at port; and requirements that truck stops and ports provide alternatives to engine use such as electric power. Directs EQC to evaluate safety, feasibility, net reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and cost-effectiveness; potential adverse impacts to public health and environment; flexible implementation approaches to minimize compliance costs; and benefits and costs of rule in relation to programs of other state agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from same economic sectors. Directs Department of Environmental Quality to report on implementation to interim legislative committees and Seventh-sixth, Seventy-seventh, and Seventy-eighth Legislative Assemblies. Specifies that reports must include description of any rules adopted, manner in which EQC complied with Act's requirements in adopting rules, and significant policy decisions made by EQC. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Delegation of authority to EQC to adopt rules
- Life-cycle analysis of fuel
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) SmartWay Program for truck retrofit financing
- Effect on automotive aftermarket parts
- Types of commercial products containing greenhouse gas
- California legislation and rulemaking on similar standards and requirements
- Amount of greenhouse gas emission reduction from measures

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: The 2007 Legislative Assembly adopted a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon as follows: (a) By 2010, arrest the growth of Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions and begin to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; (b) By 2020, achieve greenhouse gas levels that are 10 percent below 1990 levels; and (c) By 2050, achieve greenhouse gas levels that are at least 75 percent below 1990 levels.

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