

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Different Amendments to the B-Eng. Measure (Printed C-Eng.)
Signers of the Report: Sen. Atkinson and Sen. Ferrioli
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Meeting Dates: 6/16, 6/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to consult with relevant agencies and develop recommendations for legislation that outline specific plans and requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GGE) related to: fuel used for transportation; commercial products; retrofitting of medium-duty and heavy-duty trucks; motor vehicle pollution control systems; tire energy efficiency; tire inflation; and idling of commercial vehicles. Requires DEQ to consider the following criteria when making recommendations: statutorily prescribed GGE reduction goals; economic impact on consumers; economic impact on business; feasibility; and low carbon fuel standards of California and U.S Environmental Protection Agency. Requires DEQ to submit report to interim legislative committees on environment and natural resources no later than September 1, 2010.

Establishes 16-member Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Greenhouse Gas Emissions Task Force (task force). Specifies membership, responsibilities, and scope of study. Directs task force to study and evaluate alternative land use and transportation scenarios and potential fiscal to implement scenarios as it relates to population and employment growth in areas served by MPO while reducing GGE. Directs task force to consider GGE from motor vehicles with gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less that need to be reduced by 2035. Requires report to interim legislative committees related to transportation. Provides that task force staff be provided by Oregon Department of Transportation and Land Conservation and Development Commission . Sunsets at start of 2011 legislative session.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Federal legislation on climate change and greenhouse gas emission reductions
- Increase in fuel costs for rural utilities
- Effect on rural communities
- Coordination between states on low carbon fuel standard
- Oregon's carbon footprint
- Oregon's GGE reduction targets
- Scope of rulemaking authority for Environmental Quality Commission

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.