

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Yeas: Atkinson, Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder

Nays: 0

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes the Environmental Quality Commission (Commission) to adopt rules to require registration and reporting by persons who import, sell or distribute for use in this state electricity or fossil fuels. Requires that rules adopted by the Commission are limited to greenhouse gas emissions from generating facilities and transportation equipment that are owned or operated by the person making the report as well as the number of megawatt hours of electricity purchased by the person making the report. Requires that the Commission only require consumer owned utilities that purchase power from Bonneville Power Administration to report the number of megawatt hours of electricity purchased and the percentage of each fuel or energy type used to produce electricity. Directs Commission to minimize the burden of reporting to the extent consistent with purposes of rules by allowing concurrent reporting, the use of good engineering practice calculations, electronic reporting, establishing thresholds, requiring reporting by the fewest amount of people in the fuel distribution system, or other appropriate means. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Existing agency authority to require reporting of greenhouse gas emissions
- Purpose of reported information
- How reporting will be done by various entities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires that rules adopted by the Commission are limited to greenhouse gas emissions from generating facilities and transportation equipment that are owned or operated by the person making the report as well as the number of megawatt hours of electricity purchased by the person making the report.

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. In 2008, at the Governor's request, the Environmental Quality Commission adopted Oregon's greenhouse gas reporting rule. This rule requires annual emissions reporting for Oregon sources that include power generators, cement manufacturers, pulp and paper mills, and landfills.

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