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Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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Meeting Dates:	5/19, 5/26, 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Environmental Quality Commission (Commission) to adopt rules to require registration and reporting by persons who import, sell or distribute electricity or fossil fuels for use in Oregon. Authorizes Commission, with regard to electricity, to adopt rules to require reporting of information necessary to determine greenhouse gas emissions from generating facilities used to produce electricity and related electricity transmission line losses. Directs Commission to allow consumer-owned utilities to comply with reporting requirements by submission of report prepared by third party. Specifies what information Commission may require utility to report for electricity purchased from Bonneville Power Administration by consumer-owned utility. Specifies information Commission may require for electricity purchased, imported, sold, allocated or distributed in this state by an electric company. Authorizes Commission, with regard to fossil fuels, to require reporting of type and quantity of fuel and any additional information necessary to determine carbon content of fuel. Directs Commission to minimize burden of reporting consistent with purposes of rules by allowing concurrent reporting, use of good engineering practice calculations, electronic reporting, establishment of thresholds, requiring reporting by fewest amount of people in fuel distribution system, or other appropriate means. Directs Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to evaluate funding mechanism for developing and implementing greenhouse gas reporting program and to report to Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, or to any special session of Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lack of statutory authority to require greenhouse gas emission reporting from out-of-state power generators
- Existing administrative rules requiring certain industrial sources, in-state power generators, wastewater treatment plants and landfills to report emissions beginning in 2010
- Uses of greenhouse gas emissions information
- Greenhouse gas emissions by sector
- Funding mechanism

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies requirements related to reporting of information for electricity by electric company. Requires DEQ to evaluate funding mechanism for greenhouse gas reporting program and report back to Legislative Assembly.

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 Commission adopted a greenhouse gas reporting rule. The rule requires annual emissions reporting for Oregon sources that include power generators, cement manufacturers, pulp and paper mills, and landfills. Senate Bill 38B authorizes the Commission to require reporting from fuel distributors and power importers.

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