

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****House Committee On Energy and Environment****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/21/15**Action:** Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Rules.**Meeting Dates:** 04/14, 04/21**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Boone, Helm, Holvey, Reardon, Vega Pederson

Nays: 4 - Bentz, Heard, Johnson, Weidner

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to adopt program by rule to achieve statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits for 2020 that are at least 10 percent below 1990 levels and limits for 2050 that are at least 75 percent below 1990 levels, and adopt interim, five-year statewide limits consistent with reductions necessary to meet 2050 limit. Requires EQC to develop action plan for preventing exceedance of statewide emissions limits and specifies components of plan. Requires EQC, in developing action plan, to make certain considerations, including: potential costs, benefits and risks to state's economy, environment, and public health; potential for adverse effects on small businesses; and use best available economic models and scientific methods. Requires EQC to appoint environmental justice advisory committee and economic and technology advancement advisory committee to assist in developing action plan. Requires EQC to develop program by rule to carry out action plan to be administered by Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Authorizes EQC to require registration and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions by any source and establish schedule of fees for persons required to register. Establishes deadlines for EQC and DEQ to comply with mandates. Repeals greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals previously adopted by Legislature and replaces with limits established by rule by EQC.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Carbon reduction goals
- Carbon reduction programs in other states and countries
- Potential consequences of greenhouse gas emissions

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Directs Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to collaborate with Department of Environmental Quality to adjust regulatory mechanisms to compensate for any failure to meet greenhouse gas limits. Requires EQC rules on registration and reporting require source emissions to apply full accounting principles throughout their life cycles.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Legislature adopted greenhouse gas reduction goals in 2007 with the passage of House Bill 3543. The goals called for the state to begin to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2010, to achieve greenhouse gas levels 10 percent less than 1990 levels by 2020, and to achieve greenhouse gas levels 75 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

House Bill 3470A would require the Environmental Quality Commission to adopt by rule a program to achieve statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits for 2020 and 2050 and require the Department of Environmental Quality

to administer the program.