

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****House Committee On Rules****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 06/24/15**Action:** Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Ways And Means.**Meeting Dates:** 06/24**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Barnhart, Hoyle, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner

Nays: 3 - Gilliam, McLane, Wilson

Exc: 1 - Kennemer

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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 use best available economic models and other scientific methods and make certain considerations, including: potential costs, benefits and risks to state's workforce, environment, and public health; potential for adverse effects on small businesses; and relative contribution of each source to statewide emissions. Modifies EQC reporting dates. 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). Changes name of Oregon Global Warming Commission to Oregon Commission on Climate Change and changes Commission's reporting date to September of even-numbered years. 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 Legislative Assembly and replaces with limits established by rule by EQC. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Modifies dates for Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to report on plan to: November 1<sup>st</sup> odd-numbered years on rulemaking and actions related to action plan for preventing exceedance of the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits and October 1, 2016 progress report describing proposed rules to be adopted as part of plan. Changes name of Oregon Global Warming Commission to Oregon Commission on Climate Change (OCCC) and changes OCCC reporting date to September of even-numbered years. Removes Environmental Justice Advisory Committee and designates existing Environmental Justice Task Force to assist in development of plan. Clarifies EQC authority to enter into market agreements with other states and countries. Requires action plan account for total potential costs and economic and noneconomic benefits and risks with relationship to state's workforce. Requires EQC appoint business and workforce advisory committee to identify and advise on potential costs and benefits and risks of plan with relation to state's economy, workforce and business industries. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Legislative Assembly 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 3470-B 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.