

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3091

Ordered by the House April 24
Including House Amendments dated April 24

Sponsored by Representatives BENTZ, JOHNSON; Representatives ESQUIVEL, HACK, NEARMAN, SMITH, WHISNANT

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Requires Department of Environmental Quality to conduct study of State of Oregon's return on investments, for period beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2014, in programs adopted by state to reduce carbon emissions.]

[Requires Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Business Development Department to submit annual joint report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment and natural resources.]

Establishes Greenhouse Gas Reduction Evaluation Framework Task Force.
Requires task force to submit report to Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to carbon emission reduction programs; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Evaluation Framework Task Force is**
5 **established, consisting of 17 members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **Two members appointed by the President of the Senate from among the members of**
7 **the Senate, including one member from the Democratic party and one member from the**
8 **Republican party.**

9 (b) **Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from among**
10 **the members of the House of Representatives, including one member from the Democratic**
11 **party and one member from the Republican party.**

12 (c) **Thirteen members appointed by the Governor as follows:**

13 (A) **One member representing the Department of Transportation;**

14 (B) **One member representing the State Department of Energy;**

15 (C) **One member representing the Public Utility Commission;**

16 (D) **One member representing the Department of Environmental Quality;**

17 (E) **One member representing local governments;**

18 (F) **One member representing the forestry sector;**

19 (G) **One member representing the transportation fuels sector;**

20 (H) **One member representing the alternative fuels sector;**

21 (I) **One member who is a ratepayer advocate;**

22 (J) **One member representing the conservation community;**

23 (K) **One member representing large businesses;**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (L) One member representing small businesses; and

2 (M) One member representing utilities.

3 (2) The task force shall develop and recommend an evaluation framework that will serve
4 to improve the information and analysis available to the Legislative Assembly when making
5 legislative decisions on proposed carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas reduction policies
6 and programs. The evaluation framework must provide for a broad, consistent and compar-
7 ative assessment and evaluation of proposed policies and programs. The evaluation frame-
8 work developed by the task force must include, but need not be limited to, the following
9 features:

10 (a) Key indicators, including but not limited to costs and benefits, to serve as a basis for
11 consistently assessing and evaluating proposed policies and programs;

12 (b) A relative scale for assigning value to key indicators, both collectively and singularly;

13 (c) Metrics, such as the cost or benefit of a program measured per ton of greenhouse gas
14 emissions reduced, for measuring the efficacy of proposed policies and programs in relation
15 to the key indicators;

16 (d) A process to evaluate and compare proposed policies and programs on the basis of
17 key indicators and related metrics; and

18 (e) Appropriate sources of data for each key indicator.

19 (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction
20 of business.

21 (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
22 of the task force.

23 (5) The task force shall elect two of its members who are also members of the Legislative
24 Assembly to serve as its co-chairs.

25 (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
26 ment to become immediately effective.

27 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
28 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

29 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

30 (9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may
31 include possible budget proposals or recommendations for legislation, to the interim com-
32 mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to environment and natural resources no later
33 than September 15, 2016.

34 (10) The Legislative Administration shall provide staff support to the task force with
35 technical assistance from the Department of Transportation, the State Department of En-
36 ergy, the Public Utility Commission, and the Department of Environmental Quality.

37 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
38 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
39 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
40 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
41 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Administration for
42 purposes of the task force.

43 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
44 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
45 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force

1 consider necessary to perform their duties.

2 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated to the Legislative Administration, for the biennium
3 beginning July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the purpose of
4 carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2015 Act.

5 **SECTION 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this 2015 Act are repealed on December 31, 2016.

6 **SECTION 4.** This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
7 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
8 on its passage.

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