

HB 2020

Oregon Department of Energy and Climate

Transforms the Oregon Department of Energy's mission, responsibility and governance into the Oregon Department of Energy and Climate. Provides oversight by creating the Energy and Climate Board to deliver accountability and an advisory role for the agency, enabling them the Department to make recommendations to the governor and legislature.

The mission of the Oregon Department of Energy was enacted in the 1970s and needs to be updated to encourage affordable, sustainable energy resources wherein the development of these resources is consistent with state greenhouse gas reduction goals and changes in energy resources and climate.

The **Joint Interim Committee on Department of Energy Oversight** was appointed in January 2016 to conduct a thorough review of the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and to make recommendations to the 2017 session focusing on review of the agency's charge, mission, statutory responsibilities, organizational structure and funding streams. The Committee conducted an assessment of the current gaps and deficiencies in the agency's operational structure and personnel capacity to fulfill its mission and programs, along with an assessment of the agency's capacity to facilitate stakeholder relationships, both public and private, to fulfill its mission.

HB 2020 - Modernizes ODOE's statutory mission to address 21st century energy and climate issues and to clarify and update the Department's role and responsibilities.

- Forges a path towards a less carbon intensive energy resource mix to ensure energy resources are reliable and low cost to support Oregonians.

Creates the Oregon Department of Energy and Climate subject to the oversight of a newly formed Energy and Climate Board and requires:

- The Department's key role to be to provide impartial technical analysis and advice to the Legislature and the Governor on energy and climate policy.
- Senate confirmation of the ODOEC Director.

Establishes a seven-member state Energy and Climate Board, as oversight and advisory body for ODOEC.

- The Board would oversee the operations and programs of the Department, including the preparation of a strategic energy and climate framework for legislative adoption which balances the interests and accountability for the State's energy and climate policy.

The board will advise the ODOEC on:

- Aiding agencies in achieving greenhouse gas reductions
 - Review of agency activities and policy directions for ODOE,
 - Assisting with Governors requested budget, and
 - Receive regular reports from EFSC and Hanford Cleanup Board
- The Board will be comprised of:
 - A member who is an economist;
 - A member from the Higher Education System with expertise in energy and climate;
 - A member representing residential energy users;
 - A member representing industrial energy users;
 - A member representing commercial energy users;
 - A member representing the transportation sector; and
 - An Oregon member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

Abolishes the Global Warming Commission and establishes the Interagency Climate Coordinating Committee to make recommendations to the board on ways to coordinate state policies and programs related to energy and climate.

- ICCC will work collaboratively to identify, evaluate and make recommendations to OEC Board on ways to better coordinate policies or programs related to energy and climate with a focus on increased effectiveness in efforts to reduce greenhouse gas goals established by the legislature.
- The Interagency body will work to eliminate duplicative climate work currently siloed in different agencies.

ODOEC and the Energy and Climate board will review and develop a report on existing policies and programs that relate to GHG emissions and other climate change program areas for agencies of the State of Oregon; and report these findings to the legislature after one year.