

HB 3269 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes name of Oregon Global Warming Commission to Oregon Climate Change Commission (Commission). Requires Commission to appoint executive director. Authorizes Director to employ appropriate staff. Appropriates ___ out of General Fund to Commission for purposes related to executive director of Commission. Modifies certain duties of Commission including developing recommendations on efforts to help state agencies and residents to engage in adaptation and preparedness. Requires nonvoting members to regularly report to Commission on energy and climate programs and evaluate and make recommendations on how to best coordinate programs and activities. Requires agencies identified by Commission to establish primary responsibilities and tasks for carrying out Commission recommendations; develop benchmarks to measure progress; and at least once a year evaluate against benchmarks and identify necessary adjustments.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Global Warming Commission Commission was created in 2007 by HB 3543 and consists of 11 voting members representing a variety of interests including energy, forestry, environment, and transportation. Seven state agencies serve as ex-officio members of the commission, three additional ex-officio members are appointed from a state agency or academic institution, and four additional ex-officio members are appointed from the Legislative Assembly. The Commission's general charge is to recommend ways to coordinate state and local efforts to reduce Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions consistent with Oregon's goals and to recommend efforts to help the state, local governments, businesses and residents prepare for the effects of global warming.

House Bill 3269 changes the name of the Oregon Global Warming Commission to the Oregon Climate Change Commission and requires the Commission to appoint an executive director. The Act also appropriates ___ from the General Fund to the Commission for purposes related to the executive director.