

House Bill 2478

Sponsored by Representative BENTZ (Presession filed.)

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 **as introduced**.

Requires Environmental Quality Commission to adopt by rule program for assessing net impacts of state policies and programs for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to greenhouse gas emissions; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

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5 (a) **“Carbon dioxide equivalent” means the potential contribution of a greenhouse gas to**
6 **anthropogenic climate change expressed such that the potential contribution of one unit of**
7 **carbon dioxide equivalent is equal to the potential contribution of one metric ton of carbon**
8 **dioxide.**

9 (b) **“Greenhouse gas” means any gas that has contributed to anthropogenic climate**
10 **change, including but not limited to carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide,**
11 **hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons and sulfur hexafluoride.**

12 (2) **The Environmental Quality Commission shall adopt by rule a program for assessing**
13 **the net impacts of this state’s policies and programs for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.**
14 **The program shall include a methodology for assessing the net impacts of:**

15 (a) **Current policies and programs for reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and**

16 (b) **Proposed policies and programs for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.**

17 (3) **The methodology required by this section must allow for the assessment of policies**
18 **and programs based on metrics that shall include, but need not be limited to:**

19 (a) **The cost to the state per unit of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions avoided by virtue**
20 **of the policy or program;**

21 (b) **The estimated average annual cost incurred by each resident of this state as a result**
22 **of the policy or program;**

23 (c) **An estimate of the total amount of greenhouse gas emissions that will be avoided by**
24 **virtue of the policy or program;**

25 (d) **The expected time between when greenhouse gas emissions will be avoided by virtue**
26 **of the policy or program and when environmental benefits due to the avoidance of those**
27 **greenhouse gas emissions can be expected to be realized; and**

28 (e) **The return on the state’s investment in the policy or program.**

29 **SECTION 2. (1) The Environmental Quality Commission shall complete rulemaking for**
30 **adoption of the program required by section 1 of this 2017 Act no later than January 1, 2018.**

31 (2) **The Department of Environmental Quality shall provide progress reports on the de-**

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 velopment of the program required by section 1 of this 2017 Act to the legislative committees
2 related to environment and natural resources, or to the interim legislative committees re-
3 lated to environment and natural resources, as appropriate, at least once each calendar
4 quarter between the effective date of this 2017 Act and January 1, 2018.

5 (3) Under the program adopted pursuant to section 1 of this 2017 Act, the department
6 shall complete initial assessments of the policies and programs for reducing greenhouse gas
7 emissions that are in effect in this state on the effective date of this 2017 Act no later than
8 January 1, 2020.

9 SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
10 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
11 on its passage.
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