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SUMMARY

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

Relating to greenhouse gas emissions; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

(b) “Greenhouse gas” means any gas that has contributed to anthropogenic global warming, including but not limited to carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons and sulfur hexafluoride.

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

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

(b) Proposed policies and programs for reducing greenhouse gas

1 emissions.

2 (3) The methodology required by this section must allow for the
3 assessment of policies and programs based on metrics that shall in-
4 clude, but need not be limited to:

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

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

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

11 (d) The expected time between when greenhouse gas emissions will
12 be avoided by virtue of the policy or program and when environmental
13 benefits due to the avoidance of those greenhouse gas emissions can
14 be expected to be realized; and

15 (e) The return on the state's investment in the policy or program.

16 SECTION 2. (1) The Environmental Quality Commission shall com-
17 plete rulemaking for adoption of the program required by section 1 of
18 this 2016 Act no later than January 1, 2017.

19 (2) The Department of Environmental Quality shall provide
20 progress reports on the development of the program required by sec-
21 tion 1 of this 2016 Act to the legislative committees related to envi-
22 ronment and natural resources, or the interim legislative committees
23 related to environment and natural resources, as appropriate, at least
24 once each calendar quarter between the effective date of this 2016 Act
25 and January 1, 2017.

26 (3) Under the program adopted pursuant to section 1 of this 2016
27 Act, the department shall complete initial assessments of the policies
28 and programs for reducing greenhouse gas emissions that are in effect
29 in this state on the effective date of this 2016 Act no later than Janu-
30 ary 1, 2019.

31 SECTION 3. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-

1 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
2 **clared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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