ENERGY AND AND ENVIRONMENT



This Legislative Summary Report highlights Energy and Environment policy measures that received a public hearing during the 2022 Regular Legislative Session. The report is organized by sub-topics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [X]; and a brief description of the measure.

Energy and Environment policy sub-topics:

- Climate
- Energy

- Environmental Justice
- Materials Management

Climate

- SB 1518
 Establishes the 27-member Task Force on Resilient Efficient Buildings to evaluate polices related to building codes and building decarbonization for new and existing buildings and to enable Oregon to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.
- SB 1534 A Would have declared state policy to increase net carbon sequestration and storage in, and the resilience of, natural and working lands in Oregon.
- Would have directed the Oregon Health Authority to create a program to acquire and distribute air conditioners and air filters on an emergency basis to certain individuals and establish a heat pump grant program within the Oregon Department of Energy. See Senate Bill 1536 (2022).

Energy

- SB 1519
 Establishes that the residential portion of a community solar project is eligible to claim the alternative energy system property tax exemption and extends the tax exemption to July 1, 2029.
- SB 1567 Requires owners and operators of bulk oils and liquid fuels terminals located in Columbia, Multnomah, or Lane County to conduct a seismic vulnerability assessment and implement a seismic risk mitigation implementation plan approved by the Department of Environmental Quality. The measure requires the Oregon Department of Energy to develop an energy security plan.

Energy, cont'd

HB 4057

Establishes minimum energy efficiency standards for spray sprinkler bodies manufactured after January 1, 2023 and sold or offered for sale in Oregon.

Environmental Justice

HB 4077

Renames the Environmental Justice Task Force as the Environmental Justice Council (Council) and establishes the Council within the Office of the Governor. The measure directs the Council to develop an environmental justice mapping tool.

Materials Management

SB 1520	/	Changes the requirements for distributors that do not participate in a beverage
		distributor cooperative and requires the payment of a refund value for wine in
		cans beginning July 1, 2025.

- Would have modified the provisions of the electronic device recycling program and required the Department of Environmental Quality to calculate manufacturers' return share and return share by weight under the program between April 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022.