

HB 2468 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Environmental Quality Commission (Commission) to adopt, by rule, the following statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits:

- By 2020, 10 percent below 1990;
- By 2035, 68 percent below 1990;
- By 2050, 91 percent below 1990.

Requires Commission to adopt, by no later than January 2018, temporary rules for reducing statewide emissions by an annual rate of eight percent. Requires, by no later than January 2019, interim, five-year emissions limits necessary to meet 2050 emissions reduction goal. Requires the Commission to adopt an action plan by no later than January 2020 for ensuring that statewide greenhouse gas emissions do not exceed the limits adopted by the Commission. The action plan must make recommendations on emissions reduction measures and mechanisms that sources may use to achieve feasible and cost-effective reductions. The action plan must further ensure that emissions reduction regulations do not disproportionately impact disadvantaged communities, rural communities, children and the elderly. Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to periodically prepare and submit reports to the Commission that utilize the best available climate science. Repeals statutory provision on greenhouse gas emissions goals, effective January 1, 2018. Repeals statutory provision granting certain exemptions from air pollution laws to agricultural operations, biomass operations, and others, effective January 1, 2018. The Act declares an emergency, and is effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals were first implemented in 2007 and sought to reach a 10 percent reduction below 1990 levels by 2020 and a 75 percent reduction below 1990 levels by 2050.

House Bill 2468 requires the Environmental Quality Commission (Commission) to adopt, by rule, certain statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits and an action plan to ensure emissions do not exceed limits established by the Commission.