

Hi Beth,

I understand members have asked what impact SB 522-2 would have on DEQ's Climate Protection Program.

The short answer: Passage of SB 522-2 would have no impact on the Climate Protection Program. The statewide goals proposed to be modified in SB 522-2 are separate and distinct from the regulatory limits established under the Climate Protection.

Additional Information

SB 522-2

- Modifies statewide greenhouse gas emissions goals as detailed in ORS 468A.205. These goals are statewide and intended to be inclusive of all sources of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Current goals:
 - By 2010, arrest GHG emissions and begin to reduce emissions
 - By 2020, levels that are 10% below 1990 levels
 - By 2050, levels that are 75% below 1990 levels
- Proposed in 522-2:
 - By 2030, levels that are at least 45% below 1990 levels
 - By 2040, levels that are 70% below 1990 levels
 - By 2050, levels that are 95% below 1990 levels

Climate Protection Program

- DEQ's Climate Protection Program sets regulatory limits on greenhouse emissions from certain sources (not all), including use of fuels used in transportation, and natural gas use in homes, businesses and industrial facilities. It does not include use of natural gas for electricity generation.
- The program sets an annual limit that declines over time. At a high-level this limits declines to 50% below baseline by 2035 and 90% below baseline by 2050. The baseline used in the Climate Protection Program is based on the 2017-2019 average of emissions covered under the program.
- These limits are established under ORS 468.020; ORS 468A.025; ORS 468A.040

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