

**SB 1559 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Energy and Environment**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure modifies the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals and establishes aspiration of the state to achieve net zero emissions as soon as practicable, but no later than 2050.

Detailed Summary:

Declares it is the policy of the state to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions consistent with practices to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Adds additional GHG reduction goals by 2030 achieve levels that are at least 45 percent below 1990 levels and achieve levels that are at least 70 percent below 1990 levels by 2040. Adjusts 2050 goal to achieve greenhouse gas levels that are at least 95 percent, rather than 75 percent, below 1990 levels. Establishes aspiration of state to achieve net zero emissions as soon as practicable, but no later than 2050, and to maintain net negative emissions thereafter. Directs Oregon Climate Action Commission to track and evaluate progress toward net zero emissions goals and net negative emissions goals and make recommendations to Legislative Assembly for updating those goals based on the best available science. Changes term "global warming" to "climate change." Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2007, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 3543 which established the Oregon Global Warming Commission (OGWC) and set the following goals: by 2010, arrest the growth of Oregon's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and begin to reduce GHG emissions; by 2020, achieve GHG levels that are 10 percent below 1990 levels; and by 2050, achieve GHG levels that are at least 75 percent below 1990 levels. In 2023, the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 3409 which renamed the OGWC the Oregon Climate Action Commission.