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Position on Bills at 2025 Session of Oregon Legislature:

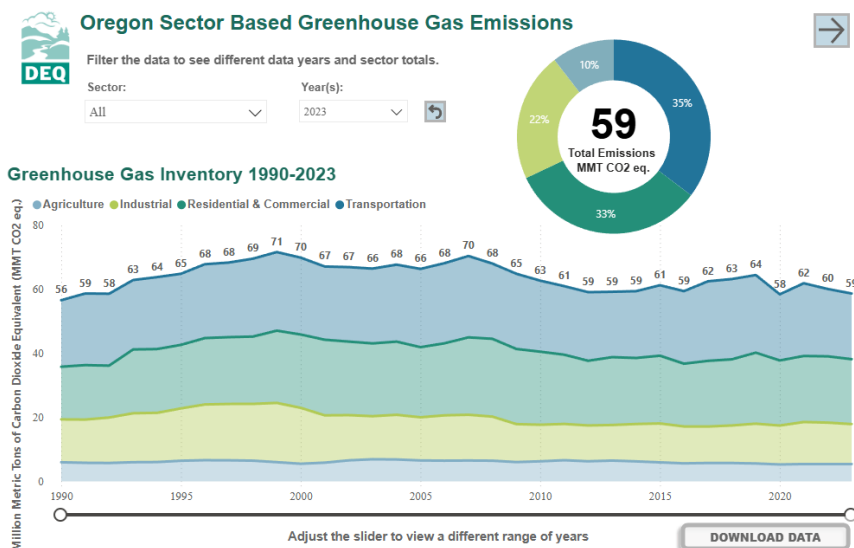
HB 3477: Support, but it is not enough



The Oregon Progressive Party supports HB 3477, which would change Oregon's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals (calling for more reduction). But it changes only cosmetically 468A.205(3) to read:

Nothing in this section creates any additional regulatory authority for an agency of the executive department as defined in ORS 174.112.

This is part of a series of changes to the climate protection goals set by the Oregon Legislature, without requiring that government or private sector entities achieve the goals. As illustrated by this chart from DEQ, greenhouse gas emissions aggregated over all sectors in 2023 were the same as in 1991. There have been some reductions since the high of 2007. The post-2007 reductions may have resulted from the “Great Recession” that commenced in 2008. The drop in 2020 may be attributed to the reduction in economic activity (and use of transportation) due to the Covid pandemic.



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