



WESTCARB Annual Business Meeting

Oregon Climate Change Policy Initiatives

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2009 Legislative Session – What DID NOT Pass

- SB 80 – Oregon Cap and Trade Program
 - Authority to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to develop rules for cap and trade program for regulating greenhouse gases.
 - Linked to Western Climate Initiative (Oregon validation thereof).
 - Creates the Oregon Climate Policy Advisory Group – Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Transportation, Department of Energy and Public Utility Commission. (Replaces mitigation role of Oregon Global Warming Commission).
 - Directs above agencies to adopt measures that would achieve Oregon's legislatively adopted (2007) greenhouse gas emission goals.
 - Forms advisory group(s) for forestry, agriculture, transportation offsets.




Many attempts to redraft as a study bill, but in the end it died in committee.







2009 Legislative Session – What DID Pass


- SB 38 – Expands mandatory greenhouse gas reporting to imported electricity, natural gas, and transportation fuel.
- SB 79 -- Increases energy efficiency in building codes by 10 to 15 percent for residential structures; 15 to 25 percent for commercial structures.
- SB 101 – Requires new electricity plants to be as clean as natural gas plants.
- HB 2186 – Authorizes Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to adopt low carbon fuel standard; but authority to do so sunsets in 2015. (Effectively makes this a study issue with final authority to adopt still in the hands of the legislature.)
- HB 2186 – Charters a task force to study land use and transportation scenarios that would accommodate growth while reducing vehicle emissions.
- House Bill 2626 – Authorizes local governments to issue bonds for residential and business energy efficiency projects.



Biomass

- HB 2940 – VETOED – Would have allowed energy output from biomass plants built before 1995 to count toward the requirement that 25 percent of power sold by large utilities be from renewable sources by 2025.
- HB 2078 -- Allows \$10-per-green-ton credit for biomass collectors to apply to entities that both collect biomass and use it to produce energy. Authorizes Oregon Department of Energy to certify biomass tax credits and establish rules involving their sale and transferability.
- HB 2472 – VETOED -- **Reductions to Business Energy Tax Credit – Would have reduced** growth of program to save costs to the state, generally reducing eligibility for projects producing more than 10 megawatts. Expands credits for some electric vehicles.





3 Forestry and Climate Change

- Oregon Forest Carbon Stakeholders Working Group
 - Met monthly from January 2008 – September 2008.
 - Membership included regional forest industry associations from Oregon, Washington, and California, timberland owners, forest landowner organizations, conservation land owners, environmental groups, academics, carbon buyers, carbon aggregators, and government.
 - Purpose was to develop recommendations on the role of forests in the carbon cap-and-trade market systems such as the Western Climate Initiative.
- Western Climate Initiative – Oregon Department of Forestry staffing WCI Offset Committee; particularly the Task 1 Group (Offset Definition and Criteria) and Task 3 Group (Protocol Development)
- Task Force for Adapting Forest to Climate Change. (Similar charge to Oregon Global Warming Commission – Natural Resource Committee).

