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**CLIMATE SUCCESS STORY** In her final year in office, Governor Brown is ensuring the state's greenhouse gas (GHG) target remains in reach as the Oregon Climate Protection Program comes into effect.



Source: Governor's Office of Oregon

## Oregon's Climate Protection Program keeps the state's 2035 greenhouse gas reduction target in reach while enhancing public welfare

Under the leadership of Governor Kate Brown, Oregon has set some of the most aggressive timelines to reduce GHG emissions and put Oregon on the path to a clean energy future. In 2020, the governor issued an executive order to cap GHG emissions. Building on this order, in 2021 she signed into law a bill to move Oregon's utilities to 100 percent clean electricity sources by 2040, making Oregon one of the first states in the country to do so.

This year, Oregon's Climate Protection Program begins to take effect, with state agencies setting reduction targets for Oregon's largest GHG emitters and enhancing public welfare for the environmental justice communities that bear the disproportionate impact of climate change—including communities of color, Tribal communities, people with low incomes, and rural and coastal communities. Notably, the Climate Protection Program came to fruition through one of the most extensive and inclusive public

engagement processes in the state's Department of Environmental Quality's 52-year history, having received and reviewed 7,600 comments on the rule.

Combined with Oregon's other efforts, such as its first-in-the-nation electric vehicle (EV) rebate for used EVs, Oregon is centering equity in its efforts to take climate action and avoid the worst impacts of climate change. The Oregon Global Warming Commission recently announced that Oregon is on track to reach its 2035 target for GHG emissions reductions, as long as the state continues to implement its policies and programs and fund them with the necessary resources.

In her final months in office, Governor Brown is focused on doing just that and ensuring this goal stays on the horizon as state agencies implement Oregon's comprehensive approach to taking climate action.



## CLIMATE ACTION-AT-A-GLANCE

The following list includes both **statutory** and **executive** policies and actions that have been adopted or are in the process of being adopted.



### ECONOMY-WIDE GHG TARGETS & CLIMATE GOVERNANCE

- Lead by Example programs & goals
- Economy-wide GHG goal
- Carbon neutral goal



### ELECTRICITY

- 100% clean electricity goal
- Renewable portfolio standards



### JUST TRANSITION/EQUITY

- Environmental justice offices or interagency bodies
- Just Transition offices or interagency bodies



### TRANSPORTATION

- Low emission vehicle standards
- Zero-emission vehicle standards
- Clean truck standards
- Clean Fuels Standard



### BUILDINGS/EFFICIENCY

- Electric utility energy efficiency resource standards
- Gas utility energy efficiency resource standards
- Appliance efficiency standards



### INDUSTRY

- Regulations addressing methane from oil & gas, landfill, and agricultural sources
- Buy clean programs, studies, or pilot projects
- Regulations addressing GHG emissions from industrial sources



### RESILIENCE

- Statewide resilience or adaptation plan
- Resilience offices or interagency bodies



### NATURAL & WORKING LANDS

- NWL conservation or sequestration goal



### CARBON MARKETS & VALUING CLIMATE DAMAGES

- Social cost of greenhouse gases in policymaking