Emissions are on the rise in Oregon.

Despite Oregon’s long-term greenhouse gas reduction goals and the Governor’s executive order on climate, preliminary 2019 emissions data exceeded the state’s 2020 emissions reduction target by a staggering 26%. In a climate-constrained world, we cannot continue business as usual. Advancing these policies will protect what we love about our state for Oregonians today and for future generations.

Our 2021 climate agenda calls on lawmakers to make a lasting, positive impact on Oregon’s economy, communities, and future by:

- Reducing climate pollution across Oregon’s electricity, transportation and buildings sectors
- Ensuring an equitable economic recovery by lifting up working people and frontline communities
- Prioritizing public health and family wage jobs

ELECTRICITY

Oregon led the charge to a clean energy future when the legislature passed the “Coal to Clean” bill in 2016. Today, we are falling behind: Sixteen other states and territories have adopted 100% clean electricity policies. It’s time that Oregon catches up. Transitioning off of fossil “natural” gas to cleaner energy alternatives is key to reaching our science-based greenhouse gas reduction goals, creating jobs, and protecting consumers.

- **100% Clean Energy for All (HB 2021):** Generates economic development opportunities and family wage jobs for clean energy, storage and transmission projects by transitioning Oregon’s electricity grid to 100% clean, zero-carbon energy sources by 2040.
- **ETO Extension (HB 3141):** Reauthorizes and modernizes the Energy Trust of Oregon, a successful energy efficiency program that has saved and generated enough clean energy to power half of all the homes in Oregon.
- **Consumer Choice (HB 3106):** Protects consumer choice and indoor air quality by allowing customers to utilize energy efficiency programs and incentives for new electric appliances regardless of the current fuel source.
- **Energy Affordability (HB 2475):** Establishes energy bill protections for low-income utility ratepayers and supports frontline organizations’ engagement at the Oregon Public Utility Commission.
TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is responsible for a whopping 40% of Oregon's total emissions. Advancing transportation electrification is one of the most important actions the legislature can take to reduce harmful climate pollution and improve air quality for communities throughout the state.

- **EV Incentives Extension (HB 2165)**: Reauthorizes the state’s successful Clean Vehicles rebate program and strengthens electric vehicle incentives for low- and moderate-income Oregonians.
- **EV Charging Infrastructure (HB 2476)**: After years of pilot programs, this bill enshrines utilities’ role in installing EV charging infrastructure, which can reduce energy rates for all customers.
- **EV-Ready Building Codes (HB 2180)**: Requires all new residential, commercial and multi-family buildings that are built starting in 2022 to support efficient installation of electric vehicle chargers.

BUILDINGS

Buildings consume more than 40% of all the energy in Oregon, making them responsible for about one-third of climate emissions. By enabling energy efficient buildings like other states do, the legislature can save constituents money on utility bills and promote healthier living environments for Oregonians across the state.

- **Reach Code (HB 2398)**: Gives cities and counties the option to adopt the Oregon Reach Code to ensure that all new buildings in their jurisdiction are built to energy efficient standards. Cities and counties are currently prohibited.
- **Efficient Appliances (HB 2062)**: Approves energy efficiency standards for 11 products, which will save Oregonians more than $100 million annually on their utility bills.
- **Healthy Homes (HB 2842)**: Creates a grant program to increase efficiency and weatherization of homes for low-income families.

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