



## **MCAT-Climate.org - 2025 Legislative Lookback - July 28, 2025**

### **Enacted into law (Signed by the Governor!!)**

- **Transmission improvements: GETs Adoption (HB 3336):** Lowers barriers to and incentivizes adoption of Grid Enhancement Technologies (GETs).
- **Transmission Permitting (HB 3681):** Streamlines the state regulatory approval processes for certifying new energy facilities and electricity transmission lines.
- **Protecting Oregonians with Energy Responsibility (POWER ACT) (HB 3546-A):** Ensures that large energy users, like data centers and crypto operations, do not unfairly burden Oregon households with their grid and transmission costs.
- **Hydrogen Transparency (SB 685-A):** Requires methane (natural gas) service providers to give 60 days advance notice to their customers and the PUC if hydrogen content is over 2.5% by volume and notice for additional increases.
- **PERS Fund Climate Risks (HB 2081):** Requires the State Treasurer and the Oregon Investment Council to manage climate change risks to the state's public pension fund.
- **Performance-Based Regulation of Electric Utilities (SB 688-B):** Authorizes the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) to develop new regulatory metrics.

### **Passed out of the Senate, but not the House (Died upon adjournment in the House.)**

- **The Transportation Funding "Omnibus Bill" (HB 2025):** Final version included:
  - Raise the state gas tax from \$0.40 to \$0.52/gal without indexing to inflation.
  - Raise the state payroll tax from 0.1% to 0.3% and raise DMV fees.
  - Raise the new car purchase fee from 0.5% to 2.5%.
  - Implement a charge per mile driven on EVs.Most of the increased revenue would go to the Highway Fund, including increasing funding for freeway expansion. See also HCR 42.

### **Passed out of Committee in one chamber and referred to Joint Ways & Means**

#### **(Died at adjournment in Ways & Means)**

- **Thermal Energy Network (TEN) Pilot Projects (SB 1143-A):** Directs the PUC to establish a utility-scale pilot program for natural gas companies. Those companies would be required to file a proposal for a TEN pilot program within two years or explain why not.
- **CEI Hub Disaster Reserves (HB 2152-A):** Requires the Oregon Department of Energy to develop and implement a state-wide Disaster Reserves Plan for liquid fuels at the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub.
- **CEI Hub Risk Bonding (HB 2949-A):** Requires CEI Hub bulk storage owners and operators to obtain a certificate of financial responsibility from the Department of Environmental Quality.
- **Strategic Energy Storage Plan (HB 3450):** Department of Environmental Quality to produce a strategic energy storage transition plan for the CEI Hub.

- **Distributed Power Plant (DPP) Program (HB 3609):** Requires each electrical utility to develop a DPP program that will allow small sources of electricity to join together to provide additional power resilience and lower costs for small users.
- **One Stop Shop 2.0/Energy Efficiency Navigation (HB 3081-A):** Expand the existing energy efficiency and incentives directory program – One Stop Shop 1.0; support more dynamic navigation services, reduce complexity and provide better service to customers.
- **Task Force on Public Financing Options (HB 2966-A):** Creation of a Task Force to study and make recommendations concerning the establishment of public financing options.
- **Reducing Food Waste (HB 3018-A):** Uniform date labeling based on food safety and quality and requiring large entities to compost rather than landfill food.

**Had a public hearing and a work session, but no committee vote ([Died in committee at adjournment.](#))**

- **Community Solar Program Participation (SB 92):** Allows a small solar project (20 MWatts or less) to participate in the community solar program previously established.

**Had a public hearing, but no work session ([Died in committee at adjournment.](#))**

- **Establish the Oregon Electric Transmission Authority (HB 3628):** Establish a State Authority to accelerate expansion of electricity transmission capacity.
- **Zero Emission School Bus Act (HB 2945):** Accelerates the transition to a zero-emission school bus fleet by EQC setting clear purchasing targets, providing financial & technical assistance and prioritizing communities disproportionately affected by air pollution.
- **Renewable Diesel Study (HB 3261):** Establishes a task force to study renewable diesel availability, pricing, and demand, including incentives for increasing supply.
- **Seismic Risk Mitigation Fund Expansion (HB 2151):** Expand the allowable use cases of the Seismic Risk Mitigation Fund.
- **Right to a Healthy Environment (SJR 28):** A bill to send a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the fundamental right to a safe, clean and healthy environment to voters in 2026.
- **The Pause Act (SB 681):** Oregon Treasury to enact a five-year moratorium on acquiring new or renewing existing private market funds that have an intention to invest primarily in fossil fuels.
- **Climate Target Modernization (SB 1559):** Strengthen state carbon emission goals to those recommended by the Oregon Climate Action Commission with reduction targets.
- **Climate SuperFund (Polluter Pays) (SB 1187):** EQC to assess large-scale Oregon climate impacts and create a Treasury process to collect monies from the fossil fuel industry based on proportional GHG emissions to fund a state resiliency plan to address those climate impacts.

**Did not have a public hearing ([Died in committee at adjournment.](#))**

- **(HJM 10)** Memo to Feds to encourage Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) direction.

**Lookback Criteria - Inclusion for bills that**

- Efforts that resulted in a bill #, not just an LC #.
- Published in an MCAT Outlook after session start.
- Where 2 bills merged into 1, only the final merged bill is listed.

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