



## **MCAT-Climate.org - 2026 Legislative Outlook - January 19, 2025**

### **Clean Energy**

- **Balcony (Plug-In) Solar: (LC 075)** Clarify how small, simple, plug-in solar installations can reduce residential & small business electricity bills. Similar to the just passed [Utah bill](#). (Rep. McDonald)
- **Virtual Power Plant (VPP): (LC 265)** Requires each electrical utility to develop a VPP (aka Distributed PP) program that will allow small sources of electricity generation and storage to join together and be compensated for providing additional power resilience and lowering peak power costs for all users. (Sen. Neron Misslin)
- **Solar Consumer Protection: (LC 283)** Prescribes certain statements and disclosures from solar providers to consumers. (House Climate, Energy & Environment Committee)

### **Transportation**

- **Measure What We Drive: (SB 1542)** Performance-based scoring system to allocate road project funding, to include safety, climate and emissions. Annual Report Card. (Senate Transportation Committee)
- **Guardrails for Good Governance: (SB1543)** Adopt a transportation debt management policy with better transparency. Broaden representation on the Oregon Transportation Commission. (Senate Transportation Committee)
- **Get the Data for a Better Road User Charge (RUC): LC (110)** Require ODOT to report the total biennial cost of maintenance and preservation for the state's road system, and to report the total mileage driven. This data would later be used to calculate the RUC. (Rep. Gamba)
- **Transit Funding Task Force (LC 257):** To determine the level of funding needed to maintain adequate transit service statewide and explore funding mechanisms to achieve that funding.

### **Healthy Homes & Communities**

- **CEI Hub Disaster Reserves: (LC 126)** Requires the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to develop & implement a state-wide Disaster Reserves Plan for liquid fuels at the CEI Hub. (House Emergency Management & Veterans Committee)
- **Inclusive Utility Investment: (LC 123)** Fund energy efficiency and strategic electrification without additional burden to the General Fund or ratepayers. (Sen. Golden)

### **General**

- **Climate Resilience Superfund:** Requires large fossil fuel companies to pay retroactive damages caused by anthropogenic climate change. (Senate Natural Resources & Wildfire Committee)

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