

**Oregon Legislation April 2023**  
**Report by SOCAN Federal & State Project**

**[SB530 Natural Climate Solutions](#)**

Proposes mechanisms for stimulating carbon sequestration in our natural and working lands (agriculture, wetlands & forestry.)

- 1) Senate Committee on Natural Resources: Recommended Do pass with amendments.
- 2) Refer to Ways and Means

**Resilient Buildings Package SB868 – SB871**

4 bills moving together. Designed to make buildings more climate conscious.

- 1) Senate Committee on Energy and Environment: Recommended Do pass with amendments.
- 2) Refer to Ways and Means.

**[SB-868 Healthy heating and cooling for all](#)**

Will promote heat pumps rather than gas heating/cooling; target 500,000 heat pumps by 2030. Improve workforce and contractor training, education and awareness of incentives, programs, rebates and installation needs of heat pumps and other energy efficiency upgrades.

**[SB-869 Building smart from the start](#)**

Building Codes Division will evaluate instituting codes that promote energy efficiency to align with the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals while updating ventilation requirements to promote air quality.

**[SB-870 Building performance standard.](#)**

Develop and enact a Building Performance Standard (BPS) to require large commercial buildings to meet energy and emissions reduction targets over time from a flexible menu of improvements.

**[SB-871 Smart State Buildings.](#)**

Ease the ability of public buildings to fund energy efficiency and retrofit projects, and allow Oregon to adopt statutes/rules to those that have proved impactful in other jurisdictions, driving down climate pollution, improving energy efficiency, and providing resilient public spaces for all Oregonians.

**HB-2998 Creates Oregon Soil Health Initiative**

Focuses on healthy soils via regenerative agriculture.

- 1) House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water: Recommended Do pass with amendments.
- 2) Referred to Ways and Means.

**HB2613 Funds EV rebates / HB2571 Funds electric bike rebates**

**HB2613 Appropriates \$30,000,000 to Department of environmental Quality for deposit in Zero-Emission Incentive Fund**

- 1) Joint Committee on Transportation; Public Hearing April 6.

**HB-2571 Directs Department of Environmental Quality to establish program for providing rebates to qualifying individuals who purchase electric assisted bicycles**

- 1) House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment: Recommended Do pass with amendments.
- 2) Referred to Ways and Means.

**SB522 Formalizes updated GHG reduction goals to 80% below 1990 rather than the 75% in the voluntary 2007 program and changes Oregon Global Warming Commission to Oregon Climate Action Committee**

- 1) Senate Committee on Energy and Environment: Recommended Do pass with amendments.
- 2) Referred to Ways and Means.

**HB3196 Establishes rule for the conduct of the Community Climate Investment component of the Climate Protection Program**

Note: Important to establish the rules of this program by law rather than through agency authority granted by Executive Order.

- 1) House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment: Recommended Do pass with amendments.
- 2) Referred to Ways and Means.

**[SB85-1](#) Moratorium on Confined Animal Feedlot Operations (CAFOs)**

Prohibits Department of Environmental Quality and State Department of Agriculture from issuing or renewing license or permit to allow construction or operation of new industrial confined animal feeding operation, addition to or expansion of existing industrial confined animal feeding operation or addition to or expansion of livestock farm that would cause livestock farm to become industrial confined animal feeding operation.

- 1) House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water: Without recommendation as to passage.
- 2) Referred to Rules.

**[HB2990](#) Community Resilience Hubs - Adaptation and social justice for vulnerable communities**

Directs Oregon Health Authority to develop and implement grant program to support resilience hubs and networks in Oregon. Resilience Hubs are Community Centers that provide shelter from disasters – such as earthquakes, heat, and wildfire, and provide information on how to survive the disaster. They often include off-grid power.

- 1) Climate, Energy & Environment: Recommended Do pass with amendments.
- 2) Refer to Ways and Means.

**[HB3579](#) Clean Technology Leadership Bill**

Requires Oregon Department of Administrative Services to adopt rules to govern procurements of clean energy technology.

- 1) House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment: Recommended Do pass with amendments.
- 2) Referred to Ways and Means.

**[HB5018](#) Funds Oregon Department of Environmental Quality**

Moneys from General Fund to Department of Environmental Quality for certain biennial expenses.

- 1) Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Sub-committee on Natural Resources.