

Elections

I'm happy to report that I was re-elected to the Tribal Council along with Bud Lane and Lillie Butler. I appreciate the support that I received and promise to do my best for our tribe as I serve for the next three years.

The Election Board does a great job in working through the election process. Additionally, the Enrollment Department encourages those who aren't registered to get registered and to vote.

Thank you to all of you who exercised your right to vote.

Clean Energy Jobs Bill

The legislation on the Clean Energy Jobs Bill has been introduced in the state legislature. A recap of the bill is below:

Clean Energy Jobs Bill introduced early in February, Tribal leaders gave first testimony on need and benefits to members

The Joint Carbon Reduction Committee had Tribal leaders up first for testimony on the impacts of climate change and the need to address it this session. Umatilla Tribal Chairman Burke and Chief Sampson, Warm Springs Councilmember

Miller, and Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Chairman Ingersoll testified on Feb. 1. All said the time is now to stop Oregon's contribution to global warming and that Tribes are the rightful leaders of the effort.

The rather large Clean Energy Jobs bill, House Bill 2020, was introduced on Feb. 4 and sent to the Carbon Committee. Most Republicans on the committee slammed the bill but several held out hope of a compromise being worked out. Sen. Bentz (R-Ontario) said he only recognized the first 20 pages of the draft – out of 98 – and voted nay on introduction along with Sen. Girod (R-Stayton).

First, the bill would require dropping greenhouse gas emissions to 45% below 1990 levels by 2035 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. A new Carbon Policy Director would set emission limits and how quickly they would decline to meet the limits.

Second, it would establish a cap and trade program to fund repair of environmental impacts of global warming and aid to communities most affected by it and by increased costs caused by the bill.

Third, it would abolish the Department of Energy and create the Carbon Policy Office in Department of Administrative Services to run the cap and trade

program, monitor polluters and penalize them for exceeding emission limits, and decide funding for clean energy projects, adaptation and mitigation projects, and community support.

A new Joint Climate Action Committee in the Legislature would provide oversight of spending by the Carbon Policy Office.

Four funding streams flow from the bill, to the Climate Investments Fund, Transportation Decarbonization Investments Account, Common School Fund and the Just Transition Fund that would be managed by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. Money from the first two sources would be available to Tribes, with emphasis on projects to be done on trust lands in Oregon, whether Tribal or individual.

As promised, there is a Tribal set aside of 10% of the Climate Investments Fund and express recognition of Tribes aside from "impacted communities," as well as Tribal representation on a new offsets protocol advisory committee.

The Tribal reference authorizes funding specifically for "opportunities for Indian Tribes" from both the Climate Investments Fund and the Transportation Decarbonization Investments Account. (Tribes are not mentioned in the Just Transition Fund section but this money is limited to aiding workers displaced or harmed by climate change or climate change policies.)

Transportation Decarbonization grants must not be for projects that harm salmon and natural resources generally, and should help improve salmon runs and passage and wildlife. Grants from both



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accounts may be used to benefit fish and wildlife, including improving habitat and removing fish passage barriers.

The bill would take effect on passage but would delay at least two years before any money could flow to the various funds and the Carbon Policy Office would be in place. Also, some provisions take until 2026 to kick in, including those dealing with fluorine compounds released in semiconductor manufacturing.

The first public testimony in the Joint Carbon Reduction Committee is set for Feb. 15. Leadership and the governor's strong and vocal support guarantee passage of something like the draft bill. Note that she still wants a separate Climate Action Department, not just an office in DAS.

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TICC Board of Directors Vacancies

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