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This compilation of state statutory citations focuses predominantly on climate change laws in effect January 1, 1970 through August 31, 2010. In some instances, regulations have been included in the compilation due to their significance. This compilation is intended to serve as a researcher-friendly inventory of state laws by providing the formal title of relevant legislation, the standard legal citation for each statute and a brief description of the law. Some statutes and regulations listed do not specifically relate to climate change, but are included because of their complementary relationship to the evolution of climate change law in the state.

Title	Citation	Description
Policy on water resources generally; integrated state water resources strategy (2009 amend.)	OR. REV. STAT. § 536.220	The integrated state water resources strategy must include plans related to challenges presented by climate change, and Water Resources Dept. must make recommendations for actions necessary to address climate change.
Ecosystem services; legislative findings (2009)	OR. REV. STAT. § 468.585	Legislature finds that adverse impacts from climate change may stress the state's natural resources, and that it is important to improve and maintain them for present and future generations.
Department of Education; composition; functions (2009 amend.)	OR. REV. STAT. § 326.111	Amended to establish the Oregon Environmental Literacy Task Force, and its goals are to, among other things, help prepare students to understand major environmental challenges, including climate change.
Comprehensive Land Use Planning Coordination; Policy (2009 amend.)	OR. REV. STAT. § 197.010	Amends the prior policy statement to declare that the land use program should help communities achieve sustainable development patterns and manage the effects of climate change.

<p>Policy on transferable development credit systems (2009)</p>	<p>OR. REV. STAT. § 94.534</p>	<p>Legislature declares that the transferable development credit systems provide an effective method to mitigate and adapt to climate change.</p>
<p>Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (2009)</p>	<p>Or. Rev. Stat. § 352-247</p>	<p>Creates a research institution to facilitate research on climate change, serve as a clearinghouse of information, provide the information to the public, and provide technical assistance.</p>
<p>Global Warming Commission (2007)</p>	<p>OR. REV. STAT. §§ 468A.200 - 468A.260</p>	<p>Commission will work to develop ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon. By 2020, reduce to 10% below 1990 levels & by 2050 reduce to 75% of 1990 levels.</p>
<p>Forestry Carbon Offsets (2001)</p>	<p>OR. REV. STAT. §§ 526.780 - 526.789</p>	<p>Allows State Forester to enter into agreements with private forest owners to market their carbon offsets on behalf of the landowners.</p>
<p>Member of the Western Climate Initiative</p>		<p>California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and four Canadian Provinces created the WCI in 2007. Focus of group is to identify, evaluate, and implement collective and cooperative ways to reduce greenhouse gases in the region, focusing on a market-based cap-and-trade system.</p>