

# Washington Climate Action



*Earlier this year, Governor Gregoire and the Legislature set goals to reduce the state's global warming pollution, and increase the number of green jobs in the state. The **Washington Climate Action** bill is a critical next step our state can take in the fight against global warming. 2008 is a crucial year for action.*

## Benefits

**Action now helps make a difference:** We can't wait any longer for the federal government to solve the problem. Our state can and should be a leader for change. And by taking steps in 2008, Washington will influence regional solutions and create momentum for the national action needed to solve this global problem.

**Green jobs:** The bill ensures that Washington workers are trained to take advantage of these new opportunities and job growth in renewable and clean energy.



**Fueling economic growth:** Responsible climate policy will generate accelerated investment in clean energy technologies, businesses, and deployment programs. As we switch to an economy less dependent on fossil fuels, states taking action now to reduce climate pollution are seeing the greatest growth in their clean energy economies.

## Legislative Proposal

The Washington Climate Action bill creates a structure and timeline for implementing the state's global warming pollution reduction goals, and creates a program to prepare Washington workers for good jobs in the clean energy economy, providing pathways out of poverty for lower-income communities.

**Accountability:** The bill would make the Washington State Department of Ecology responsible for achieving the state's emissions reduction goals. It would direct Ecology to develop responsible limits on all major sources of global warming pollution in the state.

**Regional solutions:** The legislature would affirm the state's participation in developing a regional market-based pollution trading system—like the one Washington is now helping to develop with numerous other western states and Canadian provinces.

**Responsibility:** requires reporting by those that are responsible for the greatest amount sources of global warming pollution.

**Opportunity:** The bill would create a competitive grants-based training program, to be funded and implemented in 2009, that will train and transition workers to clean energy jobs.

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