

HB 2470 -- Missouri Global Warming Solutions Act of 2010

Sponsor: Webb

This bill establishes the Missouri Global Warming Solutions Act of 2010 to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Requires the Air Conservation Commission within the Department of Natural Resources to monitor and regulate sources of emissions of greenhouse gases that cause global warming in order to reduce the emissions. These rules will be designed to achieve an acceptable limit on emissions by 2024;

(2) Requires the commission, by July 1, 2011, to publish and make available to the public a list of discrete early action greenhouse gas emission reduction measures and to adopt regulations to implement the listed actions by January 1, 2014; adopt, by January 1, 2012, regulations to require the reporting and verification of statewide emissions and to monitor and enforce compliance with the program; and prepare and approve a plan by January 1, 2013, for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2024 through consultation with other state agencies including the Missouri Public Service Commission. The commission must conduct a series of public hearings to give interested parties an opportunity to comment on the plan and must update the plan at least once every five years;

(3) Requires the commission, by January 1, 2015, to adopt emissions limits and reduction measures by regulation to achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions to achieve the statewide limit. The regulations must become operative beginning January 1, 2016;

(4) Requires the commission to make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on how to continue reductions of greenhouse gas emissions beyond 2024;

(5) Requires the commission to consult with other states, the federal government, and other nations to identify the most effective strategies and methods to reduce greenhouse gases, manage greenhouse gas control programs, and facilitate the development of integrated and cost-effective regional, national, and international gas reduction programs; and

(6) Specifies that an individual who violates any provision of the bill will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor and each day of violation will constitute a separate and distinct offense.