

2015 Environmental Priority Carbon Pollution Accountability Act

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Employment in the solar industry in Washington is growing rapidly.



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About 130 facilities and fuel distributors would pay for their pollution.

We are already paying the price of global warming pollution. From economic losses in the shellfish industry to fiercer and more frequent forest fires and devastating air pollution that is threatening our kids' health, we are seeing impacts close to home.

Washingtonians are doing their part as individuals to keep this state clean and now big fossil fuel polluters need to be held accountable for their pollution.

In 2008, the Legislature passed a law to cut our global warming pollution and now we need to enforce that law. Right now industries that emit huge amounts of carbon pollution are able to do it without paying a price. That needs to change.

Clean energy that we produce here at home helps us build stronger local economies and create good jobs in our communities. We have the know-how and the workforce to transition Washington from fossil fuel pollution to the prosperity of a just and sustainable clean energy economy.

By accounting for the price of carbon in our economy, we can encourage investment in alternative energies like solar and wind, grow middle class jobs, improve public health, and move away from polluting fossil fuels.

Making polluters pay can help Washington prosper.

The Carbon Pollution Accountability Act would:

- Create a new market-based program that limits **carbon pollution and requires major polluters to pay for their emissions.**
- **Decrease pollution limits gradually over time**, allowing emitters time to transition to cleaner technology and improved operations.
- **Generate about \$1 billion annually** to be reinvested by the state to promote further emissions reductions, expand transit and maintain transportation infrastructure, support public education, and assist families with lower-incomes transition to the clean energy economy.

Questions?

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