

# Climate Policy Initiatives in Washington

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# Greenhouse Gas Reporting

- In 2012, WA began collecting GHG information from facilities
- Applies to facilities above 10,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e
- WA also tracks emissions with “top-down” inventory by sector

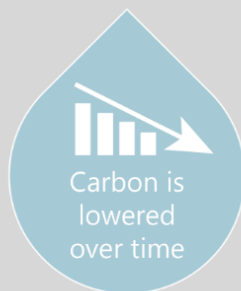


# Clean Air Rule

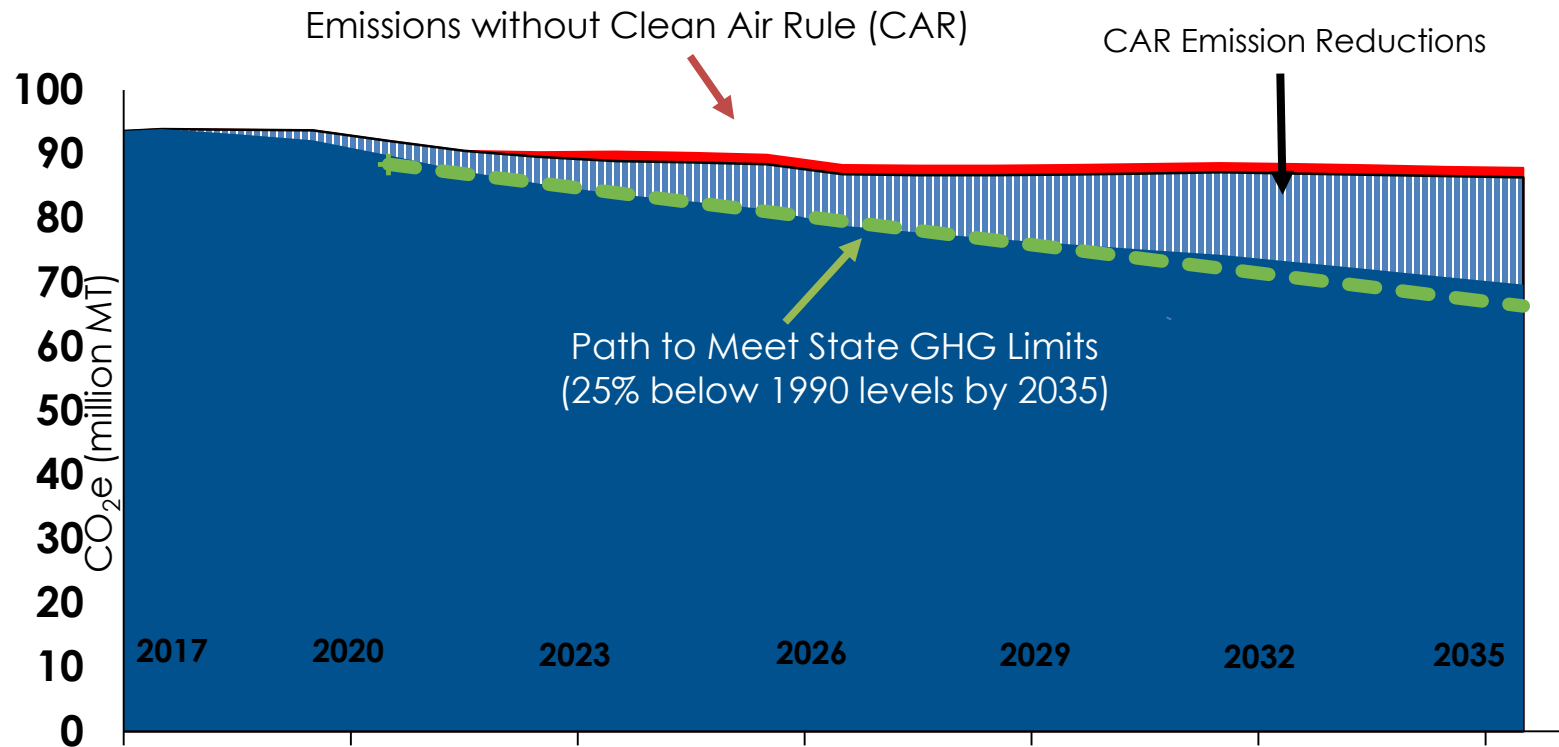
Ecology's Clean Air Rule sets limits on carbon pollution in Washington.

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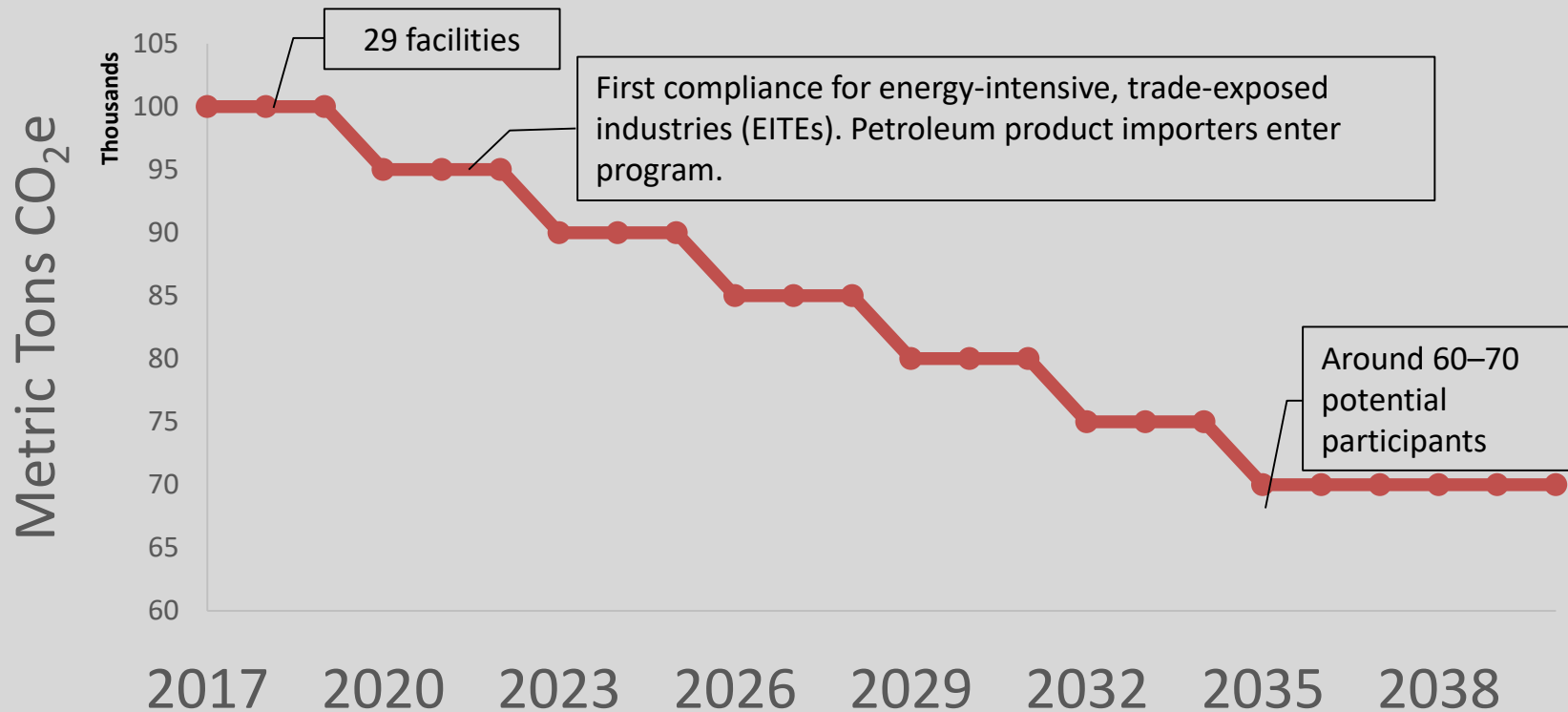
The rule concept looks like this:



# Projected Emission Reductions



# As the threshold lowers every 3 years, more emitters are brought into the program



# Clean Air Rule: Legal Status

- CAR is being challenged in state and federal court
- In Dec. 2017, a judge declared parts of CAR invalid
- In Mar. 2018, the judge held the remaining portions invalid
- GHG reporting continues





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# 2018 Legislative Session

- Low Carbon Fuel Standard (2SHB 2338)
- Fuel Content Standards (SHB 2757)
- Clean Car Standards (HB 2328)



# 2018 Legislative Session ...continued

- “Carbon Planning Adder” (SHB 2839)
- Emission Standards (HB 2879)
- GHG Limits (3SHB 1144)



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# Recent History

- 2015 Cap and trade legislation
- 2015/16 Clean Air Rule
- 2016 Carbon tax ballot initiative
- 2018 Carbon tax legislation
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# 2018 Carbon Tax Bill

- As introduced, would have raised \$1.8b and covered ~75-80% emissions
- As amended, would have raised \$990m and covered ~25-30% emissions



# 2018 Carbon Tax Initiative

- Fee starts at \$15/ton CO<sub>2</sub>e, increasing until state's GHG reduction targets are met
- 70% of funds to clean energy projects
- Also a ballot initiative to *prohibit* the state from establishing a carbon tax



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# Questions and Discussion