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The May Revision revises the Governor's Climate Change Initiative proposal to reflect the final report of the Climate Action Team. The January Governor's Budget proposes \$7.2 million and 23.4 positions to implement greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies. The May Revision proposes an additional \$500,000, for a total of \$7.7 million, for climate change activities.

- 2005-06 No Change
- 2006-07 \$500,000

Climate Change Initiative

The May Revision proposes an augmentation of \$500,000 Air Pollution Control Fund to enable the Secretary for Environmental Protection to evaluate options for the establishment of a mandatory climate change emissions reporting program and to develop climate change emissions reporting protocols for local and regional governments.

In June 2005, the Governor issued an executive order that established greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. The executive order also directed the Secretary for Environmental Protection, in collaboration with other state agencies, to prepare a report that identifies actions necessary to meet the emission reduction targets. The Climate Action Team submitted its report to the Governor and Legislature in March 2006. The final Climate Action Team report included specific recommendations for mandatory emissions reporting from

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the largest sources and the development of climate change emissions reporting protocols for local governments. This proposal will provide \$500,000 for these emissions reporting activities, consistent with the Climate Action Team’s recommendations.