

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

Dear Senator Dingfelder:

I am the Business Operations Manager for an electric vehicle charging manufacturer called ClipperCreek, Inc. We currently supply level one and two chargers capable of charging all vehicle types, from Nissan LEAFs to Smith Trucks to the Tesla S. Every Chevy Volt coming off the line uses our charging technology in their portable charger and we also supply the portable level one charging unit for Brammo Motorcycles based in Ashland, an account which has been expanding and which we are excited to be working with.

My involvement in this industry spans three years, including work as an attorney for ECOTality when I submitted comments for them before the OPUC. In that time, I have been gratified to see Oregon deepen its commitment toward transportation electrification and lead the country in the process.

I wanted to take a moment to send you this email to voice my support and the support of ClipperCreek in your Senate Bill 536 which would allow public agencies to provide EV charging infrastructure. Currently Oregon has 700 public chargers and is growing, however, we must continue to fill in the gaps in this network so that we reinforce the public perception that electrification of our transportation system is an ongoing commitment. Many consumers still hesitate to purchase these vehicles for fear that the technology will not meet their needs. The more charging stations we deploy, the more we ease that concern and position our state as an early adopter who will reap the economic benefit of not just additional industry jobs, such as my own, but infuse our local economy with dollars that would have been exported elsewhere. Having the state's facilities deploy chargers also sends a proper and consistent message that the state walks the walk and values the societal impact of EVs on its economy and environment.

Oregon has invested in DriveOregon and reshaped its utility and energy policy to support this transformation and generate economic activity to the benefit of all its citizens. I see your effort to pass Senate Bill 536 as part of this larger statewide vision and I applaud your efforts. I apologize for not being able to come to testify in person- I am exhibiting at the Oregon Wine Symposium- and hopefully getting some of our wineries to put in charging stations and become part of TravelOregon's EV Itinerary designed to promote our great state's eco-tourism business.

Thank you for accepting these written comments in lieu of my personal testimony.

Sincerely,
Barry Woods

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