



March 31, 2015

Representative Jessica Vega Pederson
Chair, House Committee On Energy and Environment
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE, H-285
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 2573 Authorizing residential tenants to install EV charging stations

Dear Chair Pederson, and Members of the Committee:

Drive Oregon is pleased to support House Bill 2573.

Electric cars are great family transportation. There are several electric cars available for lease for under \$200 per month, making them an increasingly attractive choice for many Oregon families. Driving on electricity is like paying \$1 per gallon for gas, and electric vehicles have virtually no maintenance costs. Electric vehicles can put more money back in drivers' pockets – and keep that money circulating here in Oregon.

Electric vehicle drivers do most of their charging at home, and will continue to do so. Studies by Idaho National Labs and others show that approximately 60-80% or more of charging happens at home, and that is likely to continue. It is easy and convenient to plug a car in overnight, just as we are used to plugging in our phones or other personal electronic devices. Many drivers find they can charge their car fine with a regular wall outlet, while others purchase a dedicated 240 volt unit. The cost of these units has continued to fall dramatically and can be well under \$1,000.

Renters and other drivers without garages face a charging challenge. Charging a car at home is fairly easy if you own a home with a garage. It gets more complicated for renters, or those who do not have garage space. About 35% of Oregonians rent, and about 11% of Oregonians live in apartments, according to the National Multifamily Housing Council. As more working families are attracted to driving electric vehicles, it will become increasingly important to find a good way for them to charge up.

House Bill 2573 is a great step forward. The bill takes a conservative approach, giving renters an “opportunity to charge,” without imposing unreasonable requirements or costs on property owners. Rather, the bill simply creates an opportunity for renters and property owners to have a reasonable negotiation about how best to support electric vehicle drivers.

More Information About Drive Oregon. Drive Oregon is the epicenter for innovation in electric mobility, connecting leaders and entrepreneurs to advance the industry and

strengthen our economy. Drive Oregon's mission is to grow the electric vehicle industry and promote electric transportation in Oregon. Drive Oregon has over 100 members, ranging from small startup companies to public interest organizations and major global auto manufacturers. Our members include several companies that make and operate electric vehicle service equipment (EVSE) such as charging stations.

We would be pleased to provide further comments and input on House Bill 2573. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Best regards,



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