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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 2585

Dear Chair Pederson, and Members of the Committee:

Drive Oregon is pleased to support House Bill 2585.

Every driver should have the opportunity to drive electric. Electric cars are increasingly popular and affordable, with several cars available to lease for under \$200 per month. Most day-to-day charging can be done easily at home. However, some drivers have had problems convincing their homeowner and condominium associations to allow them to charge. Much of this resistance has been based on simple lack of understanding about electric vehicles and charging, which are still fairly new technologies.

House Bill 3301 was a great step forward. During the 2013 session, the Legislature passed House Bill 3301, sponsored by Representative Barnhart, which helped to give more electric vehicle drivers the opportunity to charge their vehicles at home by preventing homeowner and condominium associations from unreasonably preventing charging. Drive Oregon supported this common sense legislation. This basic legal framework has helped to educate homeowner associations, many of which have contacted Drive Oregon for more information about how to accommodate electric vehicle drivers. The bill has also helped to create a platform for reasonable negotiations between residents and homeowner associations.

House Bill 2585 clarifies rights and responsibilities. We understand that House Bill 2585 would clarify certain elements of the original legislation, particularly making clearer certain default assumptions about ownership and responsibilities related to chargers in planned communities. The proposed language maintains a conservative approach, which we believe could be less restrictive; we would be pleased to work with sponsors and stakeholders to help develop appropriate language. However, the most important thing is to have a clear and objective foundation for negotiations between drivers and homeowner associations.

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 2585. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Allen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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