

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**House Committee On Energy and Environment****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued**Action Date:** 04/16/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments, Be Printed Engrossed And Be Referred To Revenue By Prior Reference.**Meeting Dates:** 04/02, 04/16**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Boone, Helm, Holvey, Reardon, Vega Pederson

Nays: 4 - Bentz, Heard, Johnson, Weidner

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes tax credit against personal and corporate taxes for contributions to Zero-Emission Incentive Fund for tax years 2016-2021. Directs Department of Revenue, in cooperation with Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), to conduct auction of tax credits and sets parameters for auction. Authorizes ODOE Director to adopt rules to achieve specified program goals. Establishes \$__ million annual cap for tax credit certifications. Directs ODOE Director to hire or contract with third party to develop and implement "Charge Ahead Oregon" program to achieve listed goals. Directs ODOE to establish alternative fuel or zero-emission vehicle rebate program for persons that purchase and register qualifying vehicles. Establishes rebate values. Establishes Zero-Emission Incentive Fund and outlines how funds may be used. Requires ODOE Director to submit reports on Charge Ahead Oregon program to Legislature. Repeals tax credit January 2, 2025. Takes effect on 91st day after date on which 2015 regular session of Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential effect of rebates on purchases of electric vehicles
- Monthly cost of leasing electric vehicle
- Other states with vehicle rebate programs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces \$15 million cap with blank. Removes requirement that Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) Director adopt rules to implement tax credit program. Modifies definitions. Directs ODOE Director to hire or contract with third party to develop and implement "Charge Ahead Oregon" program to achieve listed goals regarding increasing use of electric vehicles in Oregon. Revises rebate program provisions. Requires ODOE Director to submit reports on program to Legislature. Modifies rebate program provisions.

BACKGROUND:

Electric vehicles – including hybrid electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles – use electricity as either their primary fuel source or to improve the efficiency of conventional vehicle designs. House Bill 2092A would establish a tax credit for contributions to the Zero-Emission Incentive Fund. The measure would direct the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to establish a rebate program for the purchase of alternative fuel or zero-emission vehicles and direct ODOE to hire or contract with a third party to develop and implement a "Charge Ahead Oregon" program.