

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/18/15

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 05/18

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley

Exc: 1 - Thomsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Declares electric vehicle charging station to be personal property of owner of lot in planned community or unit in condominium unless different result is negotiated between parties. Clarifies that if owner of lot owns charging station, owner must obtain liability insurance policy if charging station is not hard-wired into electrical system and is not certified electrical product. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Different permutations for owning parking space in planned community
- Questions about owner's liability insurance as it relates to this measure and House Bill 3301 (2013)

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are locations where vehicles can plug into an electrical source to recharge batteries. House Bill 3301 (2013) authorized owners of lots in certain planned communities, or units in condominiums, to install electric vehicle charging stations for personal, noncommercial use, and invalidated prohibitions against such activities by homeowners' or equivalent governing associations. The measure authorized a governing association to require owners to first submit an application, required that certain architectural standards be met, imposed reasonable charges to recover costs, and imposed reasonable restrictions.