



Electric Vehicle Charging Association
INNOVATION FOR CLEAN MOBILITY

Amend 'Oregon Clean Electricity and Coal' Proposal (HB 4036) Protect Customer Choice in EV Services and Equipment

Utility investment in electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment and services, as proposed in HB 4036, can benefit ratepayers and industry if it enables consumer choice and private investment. Unfortunately, it can also provide utilities with a stifling monopoly power over electric vehicle charging stations while forcing ratepayers to foot the bill.

It is important that HB 4036 leverages the innovation and investment already occurring in Oregon to achieve a sustainable, low-carbon transportation sector. If the electric vehicle market is to produce environmental and economic dividends for the state, it will require a policy framework that enables consumer choice, competition, innovation, and private investment - especially in the high-growth area of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

The currently outlined program might provide short-term stimulus for deployment, but it will create an environment that slows long-term growth and viability for building out innovative electric vehicle charging networks. It will keep investors from entering the market and undermine Oregon's job creation from electric vehicles.

We are seeking the following amendment to HB 4036 to ensure that the Oregon Public Utilities Commission has the ability to prudently review utility applications for their impact on the competitive EV charging industry:

Insert into Pg 13, Section 3, line 36: (f) Reasonably expected to stimulate innovation, competition, and customer choice in electric vehicle charging equipment and services.

This is a small but vital change to Section 18 of HB 4036 that will ensure that competition continues in Oregon. This change does not impact any other part of the bill.

Oregon is already a leader in electric vehicle sales with Oregonians twice as likely as the average American to purchase an EV. Oregon deserves to have the best charging infrastructure in the world. That is best accomplished by encouraging competitive services based on price and quality of service – and avoiding monopoly control.

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