



March 17, 2017

Representative Ken Helm
Chair, House Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE, H-285
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 2710

Dear Chair Helm, and Members of the Committee:

Drive Oregon is pleased to offer our support for House Bill 2710.

Drive Oregon supports electric vehicle readiness as part of a broader building code change to increase the requirement that new buildings be energy efficient and increase the level of energy conservation.

As the transportation industry sees its largest and most disruptive changes in decades due to commercial and residential shared, connected, and autonomous vehicles, electric vehicle technology is gaining increased traction in these arenas. Several analysts are predicting that electric vehicles could dominate new car sales within a few decades as they are 60-80% more energy efficient. ¹

Electric vehicles and energy efficiency in the built environment, will assist Oregon in meeting its environmental goals. As the Oregon Global Warming Commission pointed out in its 2015 Biennial Report to the Legislature, a combination of strengthened programmatic measures including energy efficiency can put Oregon on its trajectory to reach Oregon's 2020 GHG goals.²

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About Drive Oregon. Drive Oregon is a nonprofit organization working to accelerate the growth of the electric and "smart" mobility industry and promote greater adoption of these technologies. Historically, Drive Oregon has been funded in part by Oregon State Lottery funds, but our advocacy is funded by our 120+ member companies and organizations. No state funds are ever used for such purposes.

¹ <https://www.bloomberg.com/features/2016-ev-oil-crisis/>

² http://www.keeporegoncool.org/sites/default/files/ogwc-standard-documents/OGWC_Rpt_Leg_2015_final.pdf