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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
on HB 2510 and 2511**

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Founded in 1968, the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization. We advance innovative, collaborative and equitable solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges for today and future generations.

Oregon Environmental Council strongly supports HB 2510 and 2511 to remove barriers for consumers and small businesses to choose and provide access to cleaner vehicles. .

HB 2511 is a common-sense and fair approach to ensure that renters have the same opportunity to recharge an electric vehicle at their residence as home owners. Since most vehicles remain parked overnight, recharging at home is the most practical and reliable way for individuals to refuel an electric vehicle. It is also the most affordable way to recharge. Simply being a renter should not be an insurmountable barrier for an individual to choose a cleaner vehicle.

Similarly, HB 2510 expands opportunities for commercial tenants to offer vehicle recharging to employees and/or customers. While many big businesses own their own properties, many smaller businesses must rent or lease their spaces. Big businesses have an opportunity to offer electric vehicle charging as a benefit for employees or customers. Small businesses should have the same opportunity.

Electric vehicles offer tremendous benefits. They reduce climate and air pollution, require less maintenance, and are cheaper to refuel at home. Oregon should be knocking down barriers so that consumers have the ability to choose clean vehicles.

Oregon will not meet statewide climate goals without decarbonizing the electric grid and accelerating transportation electrification. Reducing impacts from the transportation sector will take dedicated efforts and stable policies, including incentives for electric vehicles. We also support HB 2704.

We respectfully encourage support of these bills.