

Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

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Testimony in Support of HB 2510A and HB 2511A to Senate Business and Transportation Committee May 17, 2017

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Addressing the greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector is of significant and statewide importance. Allowing commercial tenants (in HB 2510A) and residential tenants (in HB 2511A) to apply for installation of an electric vehicle charging station is a needed element in expanding charging infrastructure where consumers are quite likely to need access to this service.

This is a matter of fairness for those commercial tenants, typically small businesses, who can't provide electric vehicle charging as a benefit to employees; a benefit that can more readily be provided by larger companies that frequently own their parking facilities.

This is a matter of fairness for residential renters who should be afforded the same option as home owners in terms of access to electric vehicle charging.

These bills provide adequate safeguards to landlords and reflect a balanced approach to the importance of decarbonizing the transportation sector in terms of electric vehicles.

The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board urges a "yes" vote on these bills.