

House Bill 2511

Sponsored by Representative BARNHART; Representative HELM (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Authorizes residential tenant to install on premises and use electric vehicle charging station for personal, noncommercial use.

Declares charging station to be personal property of tenant unless different result is negotiated between parties.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to electric vehicle charging stations; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 90.

SECTION 2. (1) A tenant may submit an application to install an electric vehicle charging station for the personal, noncommercial use of the tenant, in compliance with the requirements of this section, in, or near, a parking space assigned to the tenant or the dwelling unit of the tenant.

(2) A landlord may not prohibit installation or use of a charging station installed and used in compliance with the requirements of this section, unless:

(a) The premises do not have at least one parking space per dwelling unit; and

(b) The landlord provides at least _____ electric vehicle charging stations per dwelling unit for the use of tenants.

(3) When the tenant complies or agrees to comply with the requirements of this section, the landlord shall approve a completed application within 60 days after the tenant submits the application unless the delay in approving the application is based on a reasonable request for additional information.

(4) A landlord:

(a) May require a tenant to submit an application before installing a charging station.

(b) May require the charging station to meet the architectural standards of the premises.

(c) May impose reasonable charges to recover costs of the review and permitting of a charging station.

(d) May impose reasonable restrictions on the installation and use of the charging station, provided the restrictions do not:

(A) Significantly increase the cost of the charging station; or

(B) Significantly decrease the efficiency or performance of the charging station.

(5) Notwithstanding ORS 479.540, the charging station must be installed by a person that holds a license, as defined in ORS 479.530, to act, at a minimum, as a journeyman electrician.

(6) The tenant is responsible for all costs associated with installation and use of the charging station, including:

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (a) The cost of electricity associated with the charging station; and

2 (b) The cost of damage to the premises that results from the installation, use, maintenance, repair, removal or replacement of the charging station.

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4 (7) If the landlord reasonably determines that the cumulative use of electricity on the
5 premises attributable to the installation and use of charging stations requires the installation
6 of additional infrastructure improvements to provide the premises with a sufficient
7 supply of electricity, the landlord may assess the cost of the additional improvements to each
8 tenant that has installed, or will install, a charging station.

9 (8) Unless a landlord and tenant negotiate a different outcome, a charging station installed
10 under this section is deemed to be the personal property of the tenant.

11 (9) A pedestal, or similar, charging station that is hard-wired into the electrical system
12 must be a certified electrical product, as defined in ORS 479.530.

13 (10) If a charging station, other than one described in subsection (9) of this section, is
14 not a certified electrical product, the owner shall:

15 (a) Maintain a renter's liability insurance policy in an amount not less than \$1 million
16 that includes coverage of the charging station; and

17 (b) Name the landlord as a named additional insured under the policy with a right to
18 notice of cancellation of the policy.

19 (11) In any action between a landlord and tenant to enforce compliance with this section,
20 the prevailing party is entitled to an award of attorney fees and costs.

21 **SECTION 3.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
22 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
23 on its passage.