

Dear Members of the Joint Transportation Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you last night on proposed changes to Oregon's Electric Vehicle rebate program included in House Bill 4060. I'm following up with a brief written description of the changes reviewed last night:

HB 2017 Section	HB 4059/60 Section	Description
148-152	HB 4059: 14 HB 4060: 29	This change would add sections 148-152 of HB 2017 (2017) to ORS Chapter 468 (statutes governing DEQ's work). This change is necessary for the agency to fully administer the program, include enforcement of rebate requirements.
149, 155	HB 4060: 30-31	This change updates definitions to make clear that rebates may be used on purchases and leases. Other sections of the bill describe conditions for leases, however the original rebate definitions only referred to purchases.
150	HB 4059: 15	This change clarifies the definition of "high-emission passenger vehicle" as one used or purchased primarily for the transportation of persons. The original bill described it as vehicles "designed" for the transportation of persons, precluding vehicles that people use as their passenger vehicle but were designed for another purpose (e.g. cargo van, medium duty pickup truck). <b>This change would be moot if the following change is accepted.</b>
150	HB 4060: 32	This change would remove the statutory requirement that Charge Ahead rebate applicants scrap a "high emissions passenger vehicle" and live in an area of the state with high level of traffic-related pollution. The way the amendment is drafted, the Environmental Quality Commissions could, at a later time adopt those requirements, but would not be obligated to.

All of the changes outlined above were discussed by the Rules Advisory Committee, which included a diverse stakeholder group, and agreed upon by consensus. Members of the stakeholder process included: the Auto Alliance, Forth, Senator DeBoer, Oregon Environmental Council, Portland General Electric, Global Automakers, Tesla, Oregon Auto Dealers Association, hacienda CDC and Oregon Independent Automobile Dealers Association.

If you have any questions about these changes, please let us know.

Thanks,

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