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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on General Government and
Accountability
on House Bill 4022**

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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 supports HB 4022, which allows state agencies to install sufficient numbers of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to meet drivers' needs.

The state owns facilities, such as rest stops, that could be ideal locations to assist travelers driving electric vehicles. The bill allows for reasonable cost recovery for the state as well, making this a fiscally sound proposal. EV chargers still are not prevalent enough to give all potential EV drivers enough confidence to make long-distance trips, and this bill could enable crucial charging locations to be made available.

EVs are important for reducing both toxic air and climate pollution. They emit no tailpipe emissions, which improves local air quality. Even in coal-intensive utility territories, EV drive train efficiencies cut the carbon intensity to about 1/3rd that of gasoline-powered vehicles. In order to cut greenhouse gas emissions in the state, to meet the Zero Emission Vehicle mandates, and to keep more dollars circulating locally in Oregon's economy, we need more people driving EVs. More infrastructure enables more EV drivers.

Please support HB 4022.