



January 28, 2019

Representative Paul Holvey  
House Committee on Rules  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support HB 2093

Dear Chair Holvey & Members of the Committee,

Forth is a nonprofit trade association that advocates for the advancement of electric, smart, connected, and autonomous mobility. Forth supports these initiatives through demonstration pilot projects, public outreach and education, industry networking and legislative and regulatory advocacy across the nation. Forth has over 160 members representing auto manufacturers, electric vehicle charging suppliers, industry partners, utilities, local governments, nonprofits, and many additional stakeholders within the transportation electrification “ecosystem”. Forth operates the nation’s first brand-neutral electric mobility showcase.

**Good for Oregonians.** HB 2093 would permit the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to contract with other companies and organizations in the transportation electrification ecosystem to locate and install much-needed electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on state-owned premises to the growing demand for workplace charging infrastructure. This demand will only continue to increase as Oregon’s electric vehicle rebate program is officially stood-up and promoted by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and as new electric vehicle models enter the market.

**Good for the Environment.** Increased availability of charging stations at state-owned premises will increase awareness of electric vehicles and further incentivize Oregonians to reduce the harmful carbon emissions from Oregon’s transportation sector by driving electric vehicles.

**Supports Executive Order No. 17-21.** HB 2093 supports Governor Kate Brown’s EV Executive Order, which seeks to accelerate the adoption of zero emission vehicles by increasing the installation of electric vehicle chargers by state agencies for operation of state agency-owned electric vehicles, public charging at state facilities, and state employee charging.

Forth applauds DAS for its efforts to simplify the process by which state agencies can develop their electric vehicle charging infrastructure. We encourage the members of the House Rules Committee to support HB 2093.

Respectfully,

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