



May 6, 2019

Representative Caddy McKeown, Co-Chair
Senator Lee Beyer, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Transportation
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 3111

Dear Co-Chair McKeown, Co-Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today and provide support for HB 3111. We appreciate Representative Gomberg's sponsorship of HB 3111.

Forth is a nonprofit trade association that advocates for the advancement of electric, hydrogen, 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 and nonprofits within the transportation electrification ecosystem. Forth also operates the nation's first brand-neutral electric mobility showcase.

Oregon has a history of transportation policy leadership. In 2017, Oregon reinforced its leadership in this space by creating its first electric/hydrogen vehicle rebate program at a time when many states were repealing or reducing such incentives.

Forth supports HB 3111 and the provisions to modify the 2017 electric/hydrogen vehicle rebates to:

- Include plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, which were inadvertently omitted from HB 2017;
- Provide the Rebate Program Administrator the ability to waive the reimbursement requirement if an unforeseeable or unavoidable circumstance arises, such as military deployment; and
- Provide an additional one-time rebate application period to people who purchased or leased a vehicle between January 1, 2018 and August 2, 2018 and missed the original six-month application window.

We respectfully request passage of HB 3111.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeanette Shaw'.

Jeanette Shaw
Sr. Director, Public Affairs & Policy
Forth