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To: Joint Committee on Transportation
From: Janice Thompson, Deputy Director – Oregon Citizens' Utility Board
Re: Support for SB 1044

The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) urges your support for SB 1044.

The transportation sector is the source of approximately 40 percent of Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions and emissions from this sector have been increasing. Reversing this emissions trend is an essential element of a comprehensive approach to climate change. SB 1044 provides a coordinated transportation electrification policy framework with metrics and the aggressive goals needed to move Oregon to a zero-emission vehicle future.

CUB particularly supports providing flexibility for schools that have taken energy efficiency steps to use public purpose charge resources for zero-emission vehicles, including electric school buses. Cooperative efforts between utilities and public entities for electric vehicle charging infrastructure at public locations is also appropriately facilitated by allowing the application to the Oregon Public Utility Commission for cost recovery of up to \$500,000 per year for proposals that meet strict public benefit guidelines.

It is also important to note that SB 10444 is complementary to HB 2020 and both bills will advance important greenhouse gas reduction steps needed to address climate change. CUB urges a "yes" vote on SB 1044.