

**HB 2476 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Energy and Environment**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to allow electric companies to recover costs from retail electricity consumers for prudent infrastructure measures to support transportation electrification (EV infrastructure) if it is consistent with and meets certain requirements. Stipulates that EV infrastructure measures taken by electric company are a benefit to the customer if they can be reasonably anticipated to support reductions of greenhouse gas emissions over time, and provide customer benefits that include: distribution or transmission management; revenues from charging to offset fixed costs; system efficiencies or other economic values; or increased customer choice. Requires PUC to consider certain factors when considering expenditures for an EV infrastructure program that is not an infrastructure measure. Requires that if an electric company is undertaking measures that involve the installation of one or more charging stations, the company must allow for customer choice in the selection of the type of electric vehicle charging station. Authorizes electric company to prequalify multiple types of electric vehicle charging stations. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 978 (2017) directed the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) to establish a public process for investigating how developing industry trends, technologies, and policy drivers impact the existing regulatory system and incentives the PUC currently employs. One of the items identified by some participants in the SB 978 (2017) report was that an efficient way to reduce emissions is by electric utilities working to reduce emissions outside of the electric sector through beneficial electrification of other fuel uses, such as electric vehicles and other forms of electrified transportation. HB 2476 allows electric companies to recover costs from retail electricity consumers for infrastructure measures to support transportation electrification if the infrastructure measures support reductions of transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions over time and benefit customers through distribution or transmission management benefits, use of utility revenues to offset fixed costs, create system efficiencies, and increase customer choice in transportation electrification infrastructure.