

HB 2290 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires State Parks and Recreation Department to develop, implement, and periodically update, a plan for the installation and service of public electric vehicle charging stations in public spaces that are part of state park system facilities. Establishes the Parks and Recreation Transportation Electrification Fund and continuously appropriates moneys from the Fund to the Department to carry out electrification plan. Authorizes Public Utility Commission to allow electric companies to recover costs, from retail electricity consumers, for prudent infrastructure measures to support transportation electrification.

NOTE: *Measure has subsequent referral to Committee on Ways and Means*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces requirement that State Parks and Recreation Department develop and implement a plan for installation of electric vehicle charging stations with a directive that the Department allow for the installation and service of public electric vehicle charging stations in parking spaces that are part of state park system facilities, including parks, ocean shores, scenic waterways, trails, and historic sites.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 1044 (2019) to encourage transportation electrification in the State of Oregon. That measure included declaration of the goal of providing programs and support to accelerate Oregonians purchase and use of zero-emission vehicles; regular evaluation of the adoption and use of zero-emission vehicles by Oregonians; and certain actions by executive branch departments, including purchase and leasing light- and medium-duty zero emission vehicles and adopting policies that promote the goals of the program.

The Oregon Department of Energy maintains an "Electric Vehicle Dashboard" that tracks and shares information regarding electric vehicle adoption rates, popular electric vehicle models, and charging information. This data indicates that nearly 32,000 electric vehicles are owned by Oregonians in all 36 counties, ranging from 9,103 in Multnomah County to three in Wheeler County.