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Driving an Equitable Transition to Electric Vehicles

In 2019, Oregon set ambitious zero emission vehicle adoption goals (SB 1044). To meet those goals and realize the economic, air quality, and decarbonization benefits of transportation electrification, Oregon must accelerate deployment of both electric vehicles and the infrastructure to fuel them.

To meet Oregon's EV goals, the transition to electric transportation must be available to all, especially BIPOC, low income, and rural Oregonians, who have unique barriers to adoption.



House Bill 2165B will:

Extend and improve Oregon's EV rebate to better serve low-income families, rural communities, and communities of color

- ✓ Remove the sunset on Oregon's EV rebate so Oregonians can count on it
- ✓ Streamline income criteria to make it easier for households outside of metro areas to qualify
- ✓ Double the value of the income-qualifying Charge Ahead Rebate to make it easier for income-qualified Oregonians to afford an EV
- ✓ Improve community-based education and outreach activities to understand unique barriers and increase BIPOC, rural and other underserved communities' knowledge and adoption of EVs

Support utility investment in electric vehicle infrastructure

- ✓ Create a minimum, regular utility investment in transportation electrification infrastructure until 2030
- ✓ Require electric companies to collect a transportation electrification charge from all customers; half of the funds must benefit underserved and rural communities
- ✓ Ensure the Oregon Public Utility Commission has clear authority to allow utilities to deploy the infrastructure needed for widescale deployment of EV charging

Please join us in supporting HB 2165A to create a clean and equitable electric transportation system for all

