

HB 2290 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Joint Committee On Transportation

Carrier: Sen. Beyer

Action Date: 04/06/21

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 3 - Beyer, Frederick, Gorsek

Nays: 1 - Findley

Exc: 1 - Boquist

House Vote

Yeas: 4 - McLain, Nathanson, Noble, Power

Nays: 2 - Boshart Davis, Lewis

Exc: 1 - Evans

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/23, 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to 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. 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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- State's greenhouse gas and climate change goals
- Access to electric vehicle charging in urban and rural areas
- Whether Parks and Recreation Department already has authority to develop charging infrastructure
- Different types of electric vehicle charging stations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 1044 (2019) to encourage transportation electrification in 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.

House Bill 2290 A allows for installation and service of public electric vehicle charging stations at state park system facilities, including parks, ocean shores, scenic waterways, trails, and historic sites.