SUMMARY

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Provides that Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services may apply requirement to include provisions for electrical service capacity for charging electric vehicles only to commercial buildings under private ownership.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to electric vehicle charging stations; amending ORS 455.417; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 455.417 is amended to read:

ORS 455.417. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Electric vehicle charging station” means a device or facility for delivering electricity for motor vehicles that use electricity for propulsion.

(b) “Municipality” has the meaning given that term in ORS 455.010.

(c) “Provisions for electrical service capacity” means:

(A) (i) Building electrical service, sized for the anticipated load of electric vehicle charging stations, that has overcurrent devices necessary for electric vehicle charging stations or has adequate space to add the overcurrent devices;

(ii) Designated space within a building to add electrical service with capacity for electric vehicle charging stations;

(iii) A designated location on building property, in or adjacent to a landscaped area, for installing remote service for electric vehicle charging stations; and

(B) A conduit system installed from building electrical service, or from the dedicated spaces or locations described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, to parking spaces that can support, at a minimum, electrical wiring for installation of level 2 electric vehicle charging stations and, if the conduit is for future installation of electric vehicle charging stations, that labels both ends of the conduit to mark the conduit as provided for future electric vehicle charging stations.

(d) “Townhouse” has the meaning given that term in ORS 197.758.

(2) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall adopt amendments to the state building code to require newly constructed buildings described in subsection (3)(a) of this section to include provisions for electrical service capacity for charging electric vehicles. The code must require that each building include, at a minimum, provisions for electrical service capacity at no less than 20 percent of the vehicle parking spaces in the garage or parking area for the building. Fractional numbers derived from a calculation of the vehicle parking spaces must be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter in italic and bracketed is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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Sections applicable only to:

(A) Commercial buildings under private ownership.
(B) Multifamily residential buildings with five or more residential dwelling units; and
(C) Mixed-use buildings consisting of privately owned commercial space and five or more residential dwelling units.

(b) The director may not make code requirements under subsection (2) of this section applicable to townhouses.

(4) Notwithstanding ORS 455.040, a municipality may, by process concerning land use, require that each newly constructed building described in subsection (3)(a) of this section include provisions for electrical service capacity to accommodate more than 20 percent of vehicle parking spaces in the garage or parking area for the building.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 455.417 by section 1 of this 2023 Act become operative on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.