



February 12, 2024

House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

Re: Forth Support for HB 4112

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Levy, and Members of the Committee,

Forth is a nonprofit trade association that advocates for the advancement of equitable transportation electrification across all sectors. Our membership includes more than 200 organizations, including community based and environmental justice organizations. industry partners, utility companies, charging suppliers, state agencies, municipalities, auto manufacturers, and environmental organizations,

Forth is in support of HB 4112 the Clean Energy Technology bill that will prepare Oregon to build and retain this industry. Particularly through the 1) creation of an Oregon Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing Opportunity Fund to support companies in this emerging industry; 2) direct the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to develop a statewide policy for evaluating and procuring zero-emission technologies; and 3) establish the Clean Technology Leadership Advisory Council to develop a statewide strategy.

Forth is particularly pleased with the inclusion of zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) of all sizes – light-, medium-, and heavy-duty – and their components, materials and infrastructure to support these vehicles. Through SB 1044 (2019), Oregon has set ambitious goals for ZEV adoption and the next goal is 250,000 registered ZEVs by 2025. Currently, there are 78,967 ZEVs as of September 2023. As Oregon continues to work towards meeting these important climate goals, we should simultaneously work to support the in-state development of ZEVs and charging infrastructure.

Best,

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