

HB 3716 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies the provisions of the zero-emission and electric vehicle rebate programs; removes persons other than individuals from the eligibility requirements; limits the availability of rebates to one per household every four years; and increases the allocation of funds to the Charge Ahead Rebate program.

- *FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued yet*
- *REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement issued yet*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

There are several types of electric vehicles (EVs) on the market today, including vehicles that are partially or fully powered by electricity or other fuels and other modes of transportation such as scooters, motorcycles, trains, and airplanes. Zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) are EVs that do not emit any greenhouse gas emissions.

House Bill 2017 (2017) created, in part, a motor vehicle privilege tax to provide funding for EV rebates. Under this legislation, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) created the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program to provide a cash rebate for the purchase or lease of Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs) to Oregon drivers. The measure created two separate rebate programs:

- the Standard Rebate provides up to \$2,500 for the purchase or lease of new ZEVs; and
- the Charge Ahead Rebate provides up to \$7,500 for the purchase or lease of a new or used ZEVs for qualifying low- or moderate-income individuals.