

House Bill 2961

Sponsored by Representative GAMBA; Senators GORSEK, PHAM K (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Digest: Increases the number of parking spaces in some new buildings that must have what is needed to charge electric cars. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.0).

Increases the percentage of electrical service capacity for charging electric vehicles or electric vehicle charging stations that must be installed at vehicle parking spaces in the garages or parking areas of newly constructed commercial buildings, multifamily buildings with five or more units and mixed-use buildings consisting of privately owned commercial space and five or more residential dwelling units.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the capacity for electric vehicle charging required in certain newly constructed
3 buildings; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 455.417.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 455.417 is amended to read:

6 455.417. (1) As used in this section:

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

9 (b) "Municipality" has the meaning given that term in ORS 455.010.

10 (c) "Provisions for electrical service capacity" means:

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

14 (ii) Designated space within a building to add electrical service with capacity for electric vehi-
15 cle charging stations; or

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

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

23 (d) "Townhouse" has the meaning given that term in ORS 197A.420.

24 (2)(a) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall adopt amend-
25 ments to the state building code to require newly constructed buildings [*described in subsection (3)(a)*
26 *of this section*] to include provisions for electrical service capacity for charging electric vehicles.

27 The code must require that:

28 (A) Each **commercial building in private ownership** include, at a minimum, provisions for

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

1 electrical service capacity at no less than 20 percent of the vehicle parking spaces in the garage
2 or parking area for the building.

3 **(B) Each multifamily residential building or mixed-use building with five or more resi-**
4 **dential dwelling units include:**

5 **(i) Provisions for electrical service capacity at no less than 50 percent of the vehicle**
6 **parking spaces in the garage or parking area for the building; or**

7 **(ii) Electrical service capacity for charging electric vehicles in 20 percent of the vehicle**
8 **parking spaces in the garage or parking area for the building, one quarter of which per-**
9 **centage, but not less than one parking space, must consist of vehicle parking spaces with**
10 **level 2 or level 3 electric vehicle charging stations installed and ready for use.**

11 **(b)** Fractional numbers derived from a calculation of the vehicle parking spaces must be rounded
12 up to the nearest whole number.

13 *[(3)(a) The director shall make code requirements under subsection (2) of this section applicable*
14 *only to:]*

15 *[(A) Commercial buildings under private ownership;]*

16 *[(B) Multifamily residential buildings with five or more residential dwelling units; and]*

17 *[(C) Mixed-use buildings consisting of privately owned commercial space and five or more resi-*
18 *dential dwelling units.]*

19 *[(b)]* **(3)** The director may not make code requirements under subsection (2) of this section ap-
20 plicable to townhouses.

21 (4) Notwithstanding ORS 455.040, a municipality may, by process concerning land use, require
22 that each newly constructed building described in subsection [(3)(a)] **(2)** of this section include pro-
23 visions for electrical service capacity to accommodate more than [20 percent of] **the percentages**
24 **specified in subsection (2) of this section for** vehicle parking spaces in the garage or parking
25 area for the building.

26 **SECTION 2. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall**
27 **ensure that the initial amendments to the state building code required under the amend-**
28 **ments to ORS 455.417 by section 1 of this 2025 Act:**

29 **(1) Take effect on July 1, 2026; and**

30 **(2) Apply to new construction for which a person first applies for a building permit on**
31 **or after July 1, 2026.**

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