



February 8, 2018

Chairman Ken Helm
Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment
900 St., NE
Salem, OR. 97301

RE: Support for HB 4022 - Permitting State Agencies to Provide Electricity to the Public for Electric Vehicles

Dear Chairman Helm & Members of the Committee,

Forth is a non-profit trade association that advocates for the advancement of electric, smart, connected, and autonomous mobility. Forth supports these initiatives through demonstration pilot projects, public outreach and education, and legislative and regulatory advocacy in the Pacific Northwest. Forth has over 130 members representing automakers, EVSE suppliers, industry partners, utilities, local governments, nonprofits and many other stakeholders within the transportation electrification "ecosystem". Forth now operates the nation's first brand-neutral electric mobility showcase.

Good For the Industry. HB 4022 would permit the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to locate and install much needed EV charging stations in as many locations as are sufficient to meet demand. Demand which will continue to increase as the State's Electric Vehicle Rebate Program is designed and implemented by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Forth applauds DAS and its efforts to create a much needed, highly visible backbone of charging at state agencies.

Good for the Economy. Oregon has no oil wells or refineries. When an individual or family purchases or leases an electric vehicle, the money spent on electricity stays in Oregon.

Supports Executive Order No. 17-21. HB 4022 supports Governor Brown's Executive Order which seeks to increase the acceleration of zero emission vehicle adoption by increasing the installation of electric vehicle chargers by state agencies for operation of state agency owned electric vehicles, public charging at state facilities, and state employee charging.

Forth supports HB 4022 and looks forward to continue to work together with stakeholders in Oregon to increase Oregonian's access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanette Shaw".

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