



May 6, 2019

Co-Chairs Senator Lee Beyer and Representative Caddy McKeown  
Joint Committee on Transportation  
Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: SB 1044**

Co-Chairs Beyer, McKeown and Members of the Committee,

We write in support of SB 1044. Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis.

Oregon has made significant strides on combatting climate change. From the statewide greenhouse gas reduction goals and creation of the Global Warming Commission over a decade ago, to the 50 percent RPS and phase out of coal generation, and the recent implementation of the Clean Fuels program, Oregon has been a leader on developing climate policy. The 2017 Transportation Package also supported important investments in EV incentives, transit and multimodal infrastructure. We are thrilled that the Legislature is poised to pass the Clean Energy Jobs bill (HB 2020) this session to create an economy-wide program for achieving the state's long term greenhouse gas reduction goals.

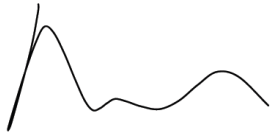
But while Oregon has made this important climate progress, the transportation sector urgently needs greater Legislative vision and direction. As has been noted, the transportation sector accounts for the largest single share of Oregon's emissions (40%) and emissions from this sector are increasing year over year.

Protecting our health and environment by meeting Oregon's greenhouse goals will require many policies including a dramatic acceleration of the transition to electric vehicles. While Clean Fuels, ZEV and Clean Energy Jobs will help to reduce transportation emissions, SB 1044 provides another important step in providing legislative vision for electrification over the next ten years.

**Most importantly, the bill establishes 2020, 2025, 2030 and 2035 vehicle electrification metrics for what the state needs to accomplish in that timeframe.** We need to get started and this is an important first step to set a goal for where we want our state to be headed.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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David Vant Hof  
Consultant to Climate Solutions