

# Support SB 1044

A comprehensive framework supporting statewide adoption of zero-emission vehicles to decarbonize the transportation sector

SB 1044 creates a necessary statewide policy framework to support zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) adoption and investment in a cleaner, healthier, and more economical transportation system that benefits all Oregonians. Legislative support is needed to encourage the adoption of zero-emission vehicles and the development of associated infrastructure – both of which are critical to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector.

**We respectfully ask for your yes vote on SB 1044**



## Key provisions in SB 1044 that support ZEV adoption

- **Establishes metrics** for evaluating statewide ZEV adoption and supporting infrastructure.
- **Requires regular, data-driven reports** to measure the state's progress on ZEV adoption, with a requirement for policy recommendations if the state is not on a path to meet emission goals.
- **Provides flexibility to schools** to invest public purpose charge funds in electric buses, fleet vehicles, and charging infrastructure.
- **Codifies the state's policy on alternative fuel vehicles** as expressed by Governor Brown in executive order 17-21 and existing DAS policy to ensure that the state "leads by example" in purchasing and leasing ZEVs.

## The time is now to create a statewide ZEV policy framework

- **Transportation sector GHG emissions are on the rise.** Since 2013, these emissions have grown by 13%, now comprising nearly 40% of Oregon's total, while other sectors have declined modestly.
- **ZEV adoption is critical to meeting the state's climate goals.** A statewide policy framework that supports consumers buying a ZEV when it's time to replace their vehicle is the least disruptive way to instigate the change that must happen over the next 15 years.
- **ZEVs provide a more economical mode of transportation.** On average, an Oregonian will save roughly \$860/year in fuel costs alone by driving an electric vehicle. But, additional barriers to ZEV adoption must be addressed, including consumer education, more charging infrastructure, and ZEV solutions for rural communities, to ensure all Oregon households benefit from transportation electrification.
- **Policy coordination around a data-driven goal will get us on track to meeting the state's goals.** Recent efforts to promote ZEVs have helped and are important, but they are not enough to achieve the crucial reductions needed. A policy framework is essential.



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