

HB 2182 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the administrator of the electric and zero-emission vehicle rebate program to conduct outreach efforts. Excludes outreach efforts from definition of "administrative expenses" for rebate program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Assembly initiated Oregon's electric vehicle (EV) rebate program with the passage of House Bill 2017 (2017). The measure initiated a 0.5 percent tax on the privilege of selling new passenger motor vehicles, intended to generate \$12 million per year to provide rebates for purchase of zero-emission vehicles, with excess revenue accruing to the Connect Oregon Fund for grants to non-highway freight infrastructure projects.

The measure created two separate rebate programs, which can both be received by eligible applicants. The standard zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) rebate program provides up to \$2,500 in rebate on the purchase or lease of a new plug-in hybrid vehicle or new battery electric vehicle. The Charge Ahead Rebate program provides rebates up to \$2,500 for purchase or lease of new or used battery electric vehicles, but includes requirements that the purchaser or lessee to meet low- or moderate-income household criteria. Both rebate programs are set to sunset on January 2, 2024.

House Bill 2182 directs the program administrator for the EV and ZEV rebate program to promote participation in the program through education or coaching services for the following: helping persons identify and access rebates or other incentives; on the engineering and design requirements needed to develop charging infrastructure; to help dealers promote the rebate to their customers and to inform their customers of other incentives and rebates that may be combined with program rebates; and to low- and moderate-income households on the availability of the Charge Ahead rebate.